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THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT NIGHT GAMES AT MEMORIAL STADIUM AND THE LEGEND GREW AGAIN ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE HUSKERS' 24-17 COME-FROM-BEHIND VICTORY OVER MINNESOTA.

The Huskers (8-2) had won 18-straight home night games dating back to 2008, including all five Big Ten night games since joining the conference. It is one of the few NU streaks that are still intact, along with the sellout streak of 353 consecutive games that dates back to 1962.

To keep it alive, NU once again had to overcome adversity and itself. The Huskers limped into the Minnesota game coming off two-straight road losses at Wisconsin and Ohio State. NU had uncertainty all week as to whether starter Tommy Armstrong Jr. would be able to play after leaving the 62-3 loss to the Buckeyes with a head injury.

Armstrong did start, but the Huskers found themselves down 17-10 at halftime as Minnesota took advantage of a negative punt to tack on a field goal as time expired on the first half clock.

Nebraska was able to tie things up at 17 on its first drive of the second half on a 31-yard screen pass to Terrell Newby to cap an 11-play, 79-yard drive. Husker fans were then silenced as Armstrong's ankle got rolled up while sneaking a one-yard first down and he again laid on the turf and had to be helped off. Back-up Ryker Fyfe finished out the drive, which stalled when he was sacked on third down.

Minnesota gained nine yards on its first play of the fourth quarter, but the Husker defense then threw the Golden Gophers for back-to-back losses on running plays and forced a punt that was downed at the nine-yard. This set the stage for Armstrong's return with 12:57 on the clock.

A 29-yard completion to De'Mornay Pierson-El gave NU a bit of room, but a holding penalty set up third down and 11. Armstrong's pass to Alonzo Moore barely



reached him, but it was good enough for 16 yards and a conversion to keep the drive alive and move the ball into Minnesota territory. On the same drive, with just over 7:30 left, the Huskers opted to go on fourth down and one at the 15-yard line. Newby was able to pick up the needed yardage. The next play, after a Minnesota timeout, Armstrong slashed through for a 13-yard touchdown run, which tied Eric Crouch for the most total touchdowns in school history with 90. However, he injured his hamstring and would not return. Regardless, NU led 24-17 following the 13-play, 91-yard drive that took 5:46 off the clock. The Huskers have now outscored opponents by 95 points in the fourth quarter this season.

The Golden Gophers, who had converted 7 of 13 third-down conversions in the first three quarters, failed to complete a third and five on the ensuing drive, and punted back to NU at its 14-yard line.

With Fyfe back out on the field, NU picked up 32 yards on its first two plays but an unsportsmanlike penalty on Cethan Carter ended the drive and the Gophers got the ball back with 2:58 remaining at their own 27-yard line – the same one where Oregon had left a bouquet for Sam Foltz.

As the drive began, the breaks all seemed to be going against NU with Mitch Leidner somehow completing a third-down pass with Kevin Maurice draped all over him, and a questionable pass interference call. Then a 25-yard completion to the NU 17-yard line had Minnesota knocking at the door.

One wondered, did Memorial Stadium still have a little Big Red magic left in it?

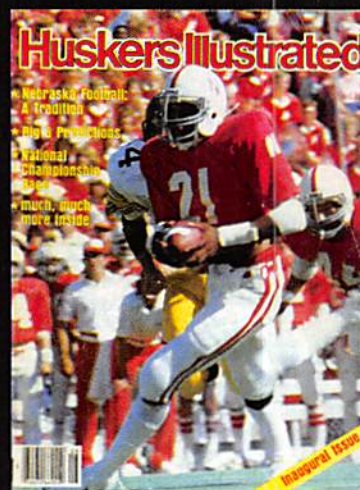
On the next play, NU's Aaron Williams tipped the pass to Kieron Williams, who made the interception at the 14-yard line with 1:24 left. NU ran out the clock to extend the night streak to 19 games and improve the all-time night record to 45-5.

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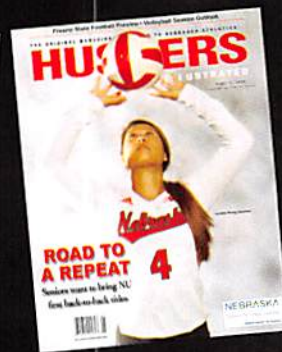
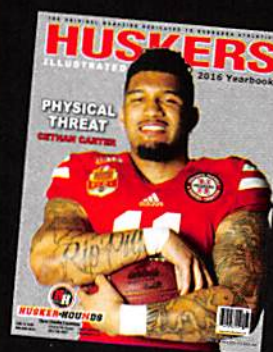
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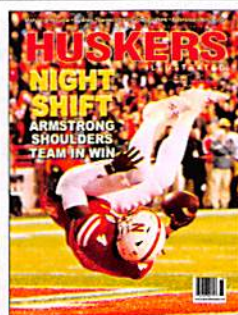
BY KEVIN HOUCK

Husker women win their opening game in WNIT, men's team adds player, inks signee before season gets underway.

2016 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/SCORE
SEPT. 3	FRESNO STATE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	7 P.M.	W, 43-10
SEPT. 10	WYOMING	MEMORIAL STADIUM	11 A.M.	W, 52-17
SEPT. 17	OREGON	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30 P.M.	W, 35-32
SEPT. 24	@NORTHWESTERN	EVANSTON, ILLINOIS	6:30 P.M.	W, 24-13
OCT. 1	ILLINOIS	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30 P.M.	W, 31-16
OCT. 15	@INDIANA	BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA	2:30 P.M.	W, 27-22
OCT. 22	PURDUE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30 P.M.	W, 27-14
OCT. 29	@WISCONSIN	MADISON, WISCONSIN	6 P.M.	L, 23-17 OT
NOV. 5	@OHIO STATE	COLUMBUS, OHIO	7 P.M.	L, 62-3
NOV. 12	MINNESOTA	MEMORIAL STADIUM	6:30 P.M.	W, 24-17
NOV. 19	MARYLAND	MEMORIAL STADIUM	11 A.M.	ESPNNEWS
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ON THE COVER

Nebraska senior quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. dove and then somersaulted into the endzone for what turned out to be the Huskers' game-winning score against Minnesota on Saturday night. Armstrong injured his hamstring on the play after earlier leaving the game with an ankle injury. He had already been questionable coming into the game with a head injury suffered at Ohio State, but he managed to play well enough to tie Eric Crouch's career touchdowns record in the 24-17 win.

PHOTO BY AARON BECKMAN/HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED



RECRUITING NOTEBOOK

BY MICHAEL SCHAEFER
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Austin Allen works way back from injury

Aurora tight end Austin Allen spent a full Saturday recovering at the end of October. Everything hurt, but he also couldn't stop smiling. At the end of the month, Allen played his first game of the season, helping Aurora advance in the Class B playoffs, after missing the regular season with a knee injury he suffered in the summer.

"It was special," he said. "It's been a long time. It's been 11 months since I've actually been able to play. It was great to get back out there and compete."

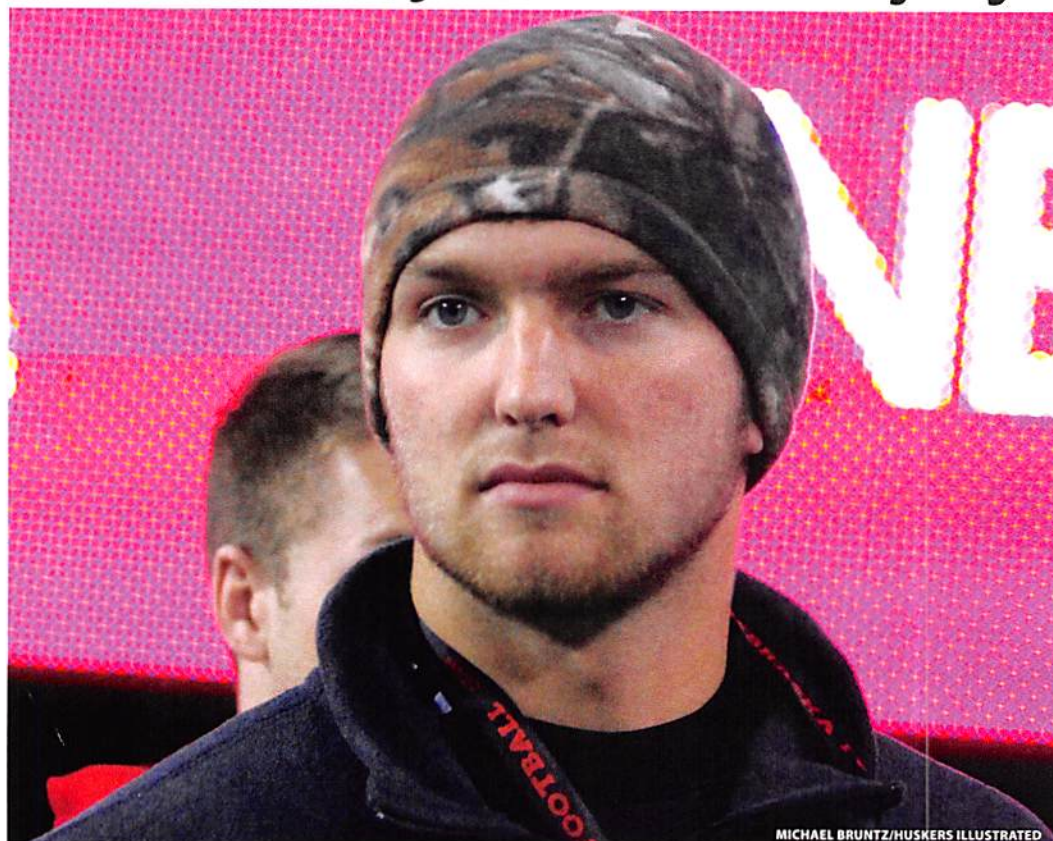
"Injuries really put it into perspective. It makes you really want to get out there and be playing. You never know when it's going to be your last."

Allen finished with 45 yards on five catches and added a sack on defense. Overall Allen said he was happy but he could sense rust.

"Everything felt great during the game," he said. "I thought the game went pretty well. I dropped two balls that were definitely able to be catches. It was my bad. I should've caught them. I thought I played soundly. As a team we played great. For me just getting back into shape is the biggest thing right now."

Aurora moved on to play Elkhorn South in the second round, but the dream return for the tight end would stop right there, as the Storm won 42-13.

Despite the end of the season, Allen has plenty to be happy about, with his return allowing him to get in



MICHAEL BRUNTZ/HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED

Nebraska tight end recruit Austin Allen of Aurora has worked his way back from a knee injury.

a pair of games and it helps him get ready for basketball season where he'll look to get the Huskies back to the state tournament.

Perhaps most important, Nebraska is looking forward to having a healthy Allen join Reese Leitao as the tight ends in the 2017 class. Allen said recently when he's been in Nebraska, it sounds like the Huskers could look at adding another tight end as well.

"I think Nebraska is still probably looking for and will take a third tight end," he said. "Just probably aren't looking as hard now with us two. They have had me reach out to tight ends before, but there hasn't been anything lately."

Nebraska is in a position

where it will lose three senior tight ends after this year and the Huskers will be looking to an inexperienced group that includes walk-on Tyler Hoppes, but also scholarship guys like Allen, Leitao and current freshmen David Engelhaupt, Matt Snyder and Jack Stoll.

Tight ends have traditionally been a big part of the offense for Mike Riley, so at some point Allen and his 6-foot-7 frame, are going to have a chance to make a difference.

For now though, Allen looks toward basketball and getting to Nebraska's next last home game.

The tight end attended the Minnesota game and he'll likely be at Maryland game

as the Huskers finish out their home season.

The visits provide Allen an opportunity to bond with different players, who he mostly has gotten to know through group texts this year. Allen said he's enjoyed talking with some of the other guys in the class at Nebraska's home games and he thinks they're starting to bond.

"We've got a group chat that we all occasionally talk in and then there's the Nebraska game days," he said. "It seems like guys are excited. We're getting closer together. We become better friends every time we met in Lincoln. It's a great place to be able to grow relationships on visits. That's happening with all of us." **N**

BY MICHAEL BRUNTZ

STATE OF THE HUSKERS

Return of Foster helps offensive line play



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The seven days prior to Nebraska's game against Minnesota were eventful ones for sophomore offensive guard Jerald Foster.

Foster, who injured his knee during fall camp, attended Nebraska's loss at Ohio State, then after an early-morning wakeup call and flight back to Lincoln for treatment followed.

Foster, who had been pencilled in as the starter at left guard before the torn MCL, learned on Sunday after returning to Lincoln that he was cleared to return to the field.

"I'm green light, baby," Foster said Wednesday with a smile on his face.

Foster had been running for about a week when he learned he was cleared to return to practice. He practiced both Tuesday and Wednesday, even getting some reps with Nebraska's top offensive group on Wednesday and Thursday.

"I felt like Tuesday I was kind of sloppy, but today remembering how to do it and how the game is, it definitely went over better," Foster said. "I feel good about it."

"I trust in my knee. I felt like some people, they might be a little hesitant, but I knew if I couldn't do it, there's no point in being out here. I just said, 'let's put your foot in the ground and see what it does.' It worked out. I'm feeling good and

I'm happy that I'm back out with the squad and hopefully I can go forward and we'll see where it takes us."

Foster had originally been told that he likely wouldn't be able to return to the field after injuring his MCL in August. After the injury occurred, Foster said he was given a timeframe of about three to four months to return. Foster attacked the rehab process, and felt like he was on schedule, and was running for about a week when he was cleared to begin practicing.

Rolling through rehab solo can be a daunting task, but Foster credited Nebraska's trainers with keeping him on track, as well as his teammates who would pass through the training room.

"It's never easy watching your team play," Foster said. "That's what any athlete would say. Being able to be there for guys who are injured – Cethan (Carter), Brandon Reilly, being able to keep their mind off it for that one week, it gave me some kind of purpose and made me feel like I was part of the team."

Foster's return could be a big boost late in the season for a Nebraska offensive line that struggled to run the ball with consistency for much of October. After a strong start to the season, that group was bit hard by the injury bug, and

having a talented run blocker like Foster to pair next to Nick Gates on the left side could give the Husker line a spark.

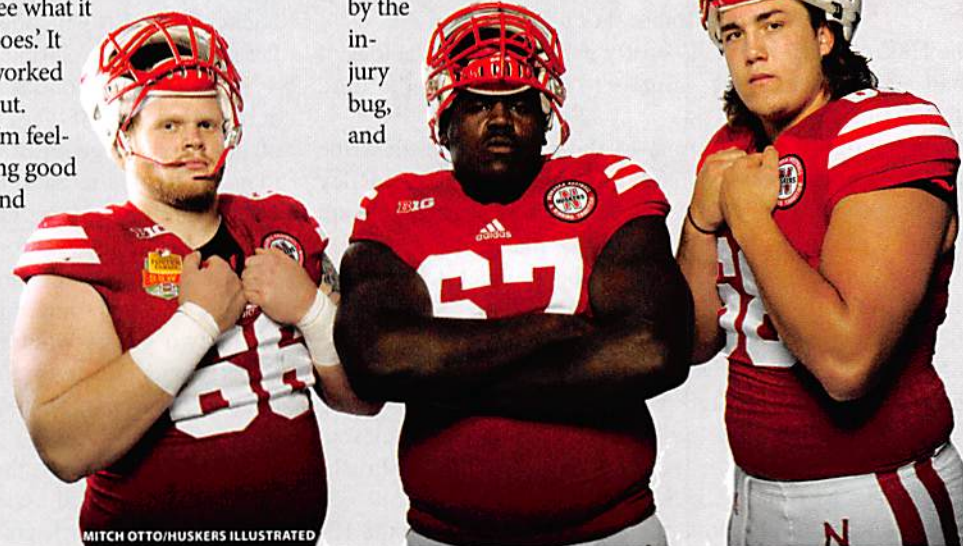
Senior center Dylan Utter noted that Wednesday's practice was the first time that Nebraska's initial projected starting lineup had been on the field together since early August. Foster said he is eager to hear what the plan is for him the rest of the way.

"I've gotten the green light," Foster said. "Whenever they put me out there, I'm up for it."

Given Nebraska's struggles up front the last few weeks, it's unlikely that Nebraska will hesitate to see what Foster can do. The sophomore had yet to start a game on the offensive line prior to Saturday's contest against Minnesota, and there will be some rust to kick off. Foster said he's looking forward to showing what he can do.

There was no reason for Foster to not return to the field if cleared. He wouldn't be a candidate for an additional season of eligibility — the year would be a lost one if Foster didn't play. Foster said he's eager to

"Me and Gates, it's good to see the left side back," Foster said. "It's been awhile. Hopefully me and (Gates) will be able to have some fun together."



Projected starters Dylan Utter, Jerald Foster and Nick Gates finally all played against Minnesota.



Tommy Armstrong Jr. dives for the endzone on his game-winning 13-yard touchdown run.

Inspired Armstrong leads Huskers

Senior bounces back from injuries, wills NU to victory

Story by Kevin Houck • Photos by Reggie Ryder & Aaron Beckman

Nebraska jumped on senior quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr.'s back for just enough offense and then an interception in the final two minutes by the defense sealed the 24-17 victory over Minnesota on Saturday night.

The Huskers suffered many costly penalties on both sides of the ball and overcame new injuries to Armstrong in the third and fourth quarters in the win.

"Well I suppose by this time of the year we can describe this as a typical Husker win," Nebraska head coach Mike Riley said. "That probably would be appropriate with that game. I am really proud of our team for finishing like that, proud that there were many times in the game that it appeared that it was going to be very tough to win."

The Huskers gave out a helping hand to Minnesota on the first drive of the game. Twice the Gophers faced third down on the drive and the Huskers committed a 12 players on the field penalty and defensive pass interference to set Minnesota up with first downs, which eventually led to a three-yard rushing touchdown by running back Rodney Smith.

"Oh, I was so disappointed in that," Riley said about the 12-men penalty. "I absolutely hate that. It was so stupid. And we got the defense on and not enough people came on. Junior high

teams can do better than that."

The Husker offense answered back using short-timing routes to move inside the Minnesota 20-yard line but a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Huskers stalled the drive. Kicker Drew Brown connected on a 46-yard field goal to make the score 7-3 with 2:42 left in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Nebraska faced a fourth-and-2 at the Minnesota 35-yard line. Right in the middle of too far out of field goal range and too close to punt, the Huskers decided to go for it. Quarterback Tommy Armstrong took the ball out of a shotgun two-back set and hit running back Tre Bryant in the flat and he did the rest for a 35-yard touchdown.

"It was huge at the beginning of the game there to get one in there and put some points on the board, especially coming off of two games where we kind of stalled a little bit, so to speak," wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said. "But it was huge to have that. That was a big moment for us. We have to keep going."

After trading punts, the Gophers moved inside the five-yard line but the Blackshirts stopped Minnesota on three-straight plays. Facing a fourth-and-goal from the one-yard line, quarterback Mitch Leidner sneaked it up the middle for a touchdown to put the Gophers ahead 14-10 with 4:54 left before halftime.



Freshman defensive tackle Carlos Davis puts pressure on Minnesota quarterback Mitch Leidner.

On Nebraska's next possession, punter Caleb Lightbourn went out to punt after a three-and-out but the ball went off the end of his foot and bounced back towards Lightbourn for a minus two-yard punt.

Minnesota took over at the Husker 42-yard line, which resulted in a 42-yard field goal by kicker Emmitt Carpenter as time expired to head into halftime with a 17-10 lead.

Nebraska received the ball to start the second half and didn't disappoint with an 11-play, 79-yard drive. Running back Terrell Newby took a screen pass for a 31-yard touchdown, breaking away from three tacklers along the way to tie the game at 17.

Halfway through the fourth quarter, the Huskers took the lead for the first time in the game. Armstrong capped off 13-play, 90-yard drive with a 13-yard rushing touchdown but injured his hamstring during the run and didn't return to the game.

Backup Ryker Fyfe relieved Armstrong on the Huskers next drive but the offense couldn't overcome a personal-foul penalty and were forced to punt.

The Gophers took over at their own 27-yard line with 2:58 left in the game and were on the verge of driving 73 yards to tie the game, but Leidner threw a pass over the middle in the Husker red zone that was tipped by Aaron Williams and floated in the arms of Kieron Williams for his team-best fifth interception of the season.

"We try to say it as a group," Williams said. "We try to talk about it and say 'hey, we need to make a play right now and do it right now.' Tonight, I was blessed for it to be me. So we just try to do our best. If it's the fourth quarter and it's a tight game, we put it on ourselves as the defense to be the tide that turns the game."

Fyfe and the offense ran out the clock with Minnesota only having one remaining timeout to seal the victory.

"I think Minnesota is a tough-minded team who has gotten better and better all year long and made plays to win, had a balance with a good running game," Riley said. "I think the quarterback is a good player, hard to play against, made a lot of plays tonight. I think we just kept fighting until we won."



Cethan Carter tries to break a tackle for Nebraska during the second half.

Nebraska offense dominates the second half

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY AARON BECKMAN

What a difference a half made for Nebraska during its 24-17 come-from-behind victory over Minnesota.

After watching the Gophers possess the football for nearly 19 minutes of the first half and limit the Cornhuskers' offense to just 22 snaps on the way to building a 17-10 halftime lead, Nebraska turned the tide. NU gained 237 of its 374 total yards and outscored Minnesota 14-0 in the second half.

"When you can have some success running and you can complete some throws, life's a little easier," said Nebraska offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf, whose team rushed just eight times for 53 yards in the game's first 30

minutes. "When you get one thing taken away and have to rely on just one thing it makes you play a way we don't want to play very often."

Nebraska's offense set the tone early in the third quarter, marching 79 yards in 11 plays and tied the score at 17-17 when I-back Terrell Newby took a screen pass 31 yards for a touchdown with 9:16 remaining in the third quarter. The drive included six runs and five passes and Langsdorf said the Huskers got a different look from Minnesota, defensively, during what he felt was a key possession.

"It was big. We talked about not panicking," Langsdorf said. "We had some self-inflicted wounds (in the first half). We needed to get back on track in the second half and I thought we did that with a good drive and we went from

there. It was good to get some energy."

The Huskers produced the game-winning drive in the fourth quarter. Playing on an injured ankle, quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. trekked Nebraska 91 yards in 13 plays and scored the go-ahead TD on a 13-yard run with 7:17 to play.

Armstrong, who finished 19-for-27 passing for 180 yards, completed three passes on the drive which was extended on a three-yard run by Newby on a fourth-and-1 play from the Minnesota 16-yard line. Armstrong scored on the next play.

"It was a big drive," Armstrong said. "We knew we wanted to go out there and get a score and give our defense a lead. (The coaches) asked me if I was able to do everything before we went out there and I told them yes. I told them to open up the playbook."



Chris Weber watches as Kieron Williams comes up with an interception on the two-yard line to thwart Minnesota's last drive.

Blackshirts come up with key interception

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY JIMMY RASH

With Minnesota driving into the red zone and looking to score a tying fourth-quarter touchdown against Nebraska, safety Kieron Williams knew the Cornhuskers' defense desperately needed to make a big play.

Seconds later, Williams helped the Blackshirts deliver. The senior intercepted quarterback Mitch Leidner's pass deflected by nickelback Aaron Williams at the Huskers' two-yard line and returned it 12 yards with 1:29 to play to all but seal Nebraska's 24-17 victory over the Gophers.

"We try to talk about it as a group and say, 'We need to make a play right now,'" said Kieron Williams, who recorded his team-leading fifth interception of the season. "Tonight, I was blessed to have it be me."

Aaron Williams tied linebacker Josh Banderas for Nebraska's team lead in tackles. But none of his 11 total stops shined as brightly as his key pass breakup that helped produce to the only turnover of the game.

"That was a great, great tip by Aaron Williams and a good position play by Kieron Williams to thwart that last drive," Nebraska defensive coordinator Mark Banker said.

The interception helped Nebraska's defense shut Minnesota out in the second half. After gaining 172 yards of total offense to lead 17-10 at halftime, the Gophers gained just 93 total yards, including 18 yards rushing on 11 attempts, following the intermission.

"In the second half, going back out, there were some basic things that we just needed to shore up on," Banker said. "We

needed to show the team a couple of different things in the run game and one particular thing in the pass game and we adjusted some things coverage-wise to help ourselves out a little bit."

Kieron Williams credited Nebraska's defensive coaches for their halftime adjustments as a major reason for the Huskers' second-half success.

"They came in with the second-half game plan and they just told us to trust it and we were just able to make some plays in the second half," Williams said. "(Minnesota) definitely came out with some new wrinkles.

"They came out with some things that we hadn't seen and some new formations, so once we figured out what they were trying to do and how they were going to attack us, we did our best to lock down on it."

Nebraska 24, Minnesota 17

Nov. 12, 2016 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln

Attendance: 90,456

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Nebraska	3	7	7	7	24

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	02:42	NEB - Brown, Drew 46 yd field goal, 9-36 4:45	7 - 3
2nd	13:24	NEB - Bryant, Tre 35 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 5-64 2:10	7 - 10
	04:54	MINN - Leidner, Mitch 1 yd run (Carpenter,Emmit kick), 9-54 4:39	14 - 10
	00:00	MINN - Carpenter,Emmit 42 yd field goal, 7-18 1:40	17 - 10
3rd	09:16	NEB - Newby, Terrell 31 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 11-79 5:40	17 - 17
4th	07:17	NEB - Armstrong Jr. 13 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 13-91 5:40	17 - 24



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Nebraska's De'Mornay Pierson-El tries to escape Minnesota's punt coverage guys.



Tanner Farmer lifts Terrell Newby up after his 31-yard touchdown catch.



Mikale Wilbon runs with the ball for Nebraska after making a catch.

Team Statistics

	MINN	NEB
FIRST DOWNS	15	19
Rushing	4	9
Passing	8	10
Penalty	3	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	85	157
Rushing Attempts	34	32
Average Per Rush	2.5	4.9
Rushing Touchdowns	2	1
Yards Gained Rushing	91	170
Yards Lost Rushing	6	13
NET YARDS PASSING	180	217
Completions-Attempts-Int	18-28-1	19-28-0
Average Per Attempt	6.4	7.8
Average Per Completion	10.0	11.4
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	265	374
Total offense plays	62	60
Average Gain Per Play	4.3	6.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	2-15	8-81
PUNTS-YARDS	5-221	4-122
Average Yards Per Punt	44.2	30.5
Net Yards Per Punt	44.4	30.5
Inside 20	3	0
50+ Yards	2	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	2	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-187	5-317
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.3	63.4
Net Yards Per Kickoff	47.3	42.4
Touchbacks	1	3
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3--1-0
Average Per Return	0.0	-0.3
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-30-0	1-20-0
Average Per Return	15.0	20.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-12-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	30:54	29:06
1st Quarter	9:41	5:19
2nd Quarter	9:17	5:43
3rd Quarter	6:12	8:48
4th Quarter	5:44	9:16
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	1-1
Touchdowns	2-3	1-1
Field goals	0-3	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-6	0-0
PAT Kicks	2-2	3-3
Field Goals	1-1	1-1
Points off turnovers	0	0



KEN JUSZYK/HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED



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Above: Trainers attend to Tommy Armstrong Jr. after he hurt his ankle in the third quarter. He returned from this injury in the fourth quarter, but later injured his hamstring in the fourth quarter and was not able to return. Left: Alonzo Moore runs with the ball after one of his three catches.

Individual Statistics

Minnesota

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Smith, Rodney	17	56	3	53	1	31	3.1
Brooks, Shannon	9	18	1	17	0	6	1.9
Leidner, Mitch	8	17	2	15	1	5	1.9
Totals	34	91	6	85	2	31	2.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Leidner, Mitch	18-27-1	180	0	29	0
TEAM	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18-28-1	180	0	29	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Wolitorsky, Drew	8	90	0	29
Smith, Rodney	3	17	0	7
Still, Rashad	2	16	0	9
Johnson, Tyler	1	25	0	25
Wozniak, Nate	1	11	0	11
Brooks, Shannon	1	9	0	9
Beebe, Colton	1	6	0	6
Carter, Eric	1	6	0	6
Totals	18	180	0	29

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Santoso, Ryan	5	221	44.2	54	3	0
Totals	5	221	44.2	54	3	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Hardin, KiAnte	0	0	0	2	30	16	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	2	30	16	0	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Carpenter, Emmit	2nd	00:00	42 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Carpenter, Emmit	3	187	62.3	1	1

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Wolitorsky, Drew	0	90	0	0	0	90
Smith, Rodney	53	17	0	0	0	70
Hardin, KiAnte	0	0	30	0	0	30
Brooks, Shannon	17	9	0	0	0	26

Nebraska

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Newby, Terrell	16	86	1	85	0	25	5.3
Armstrong Jr.	9	63	2	61	1	21	6.8
Pierson-El, D.	3	21	0	21	0	9	7.0
Bryant, Tre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	2	0	4	-4	0	0	-2.0
Fyfe, Ryker	1	0	6	-6	0	0	-6.0
Totals	32	170	13	157	1	25	4.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Armstrong Jr.	19-27-0	217	2	35	0
Fyfe, Ryker	0-1-0	0	0	0	1
Totals	19-28-0	217	2	35	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Westerkamp, J.	6	50	0	14
Moore, Alonzo	3	36	0	16
Pierson-El, D.	3	35	0	29
Carter, Cethan	3	15	0	6
Bryant, Tre	1	35	1	35
Newby, Terrell	1	31	1	31
Wilbon, Mikale	1	11	0	11
Morgan Jr., S.	1	4	0	4
Totals	19	217	2	35

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Lightbourn, C.	4	122	30.5	44	0	0
Totals	4	122	30.5	44	0	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Pierson-El, D.	3	-1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryant, Tre	0	0	0	1	20	20	0	0	0
Williams, K.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	12
Totals	3	-1	7	1	20	20	1	12	12

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Brown, Drew	1st	02:42	46 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Brown, Drew	5	317	63.4	3	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Newby, Terrell	85	31	0	0	0	116
Armstrong Jr.	61	0	0	0	0	61
Bryant, Tre	0	35	20	0	0	55
Pierson-El, D.	21	35	0	-1	0	55



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Above: Josh Banderas and Marcus Newby bring down Minnesota's Shannon Brooks. Left: Spencer Lindsay lays out the Sam Foltz jerseys and flowers.

Defensive Statistics

#	Minnesota	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
11	Winfield, A	5	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7A	Travis, Damarius	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Lynn, Jack	3	3	6	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Hardin, KiAnte	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
13	Celestin, J	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	Cashman, Blake	2	2	4	1.0-6	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Myrick, Jalen	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
21	Buford, Ray	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	McGhee, D	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Richardson, S	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
87	Elmore, Gaelin	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Rallis, Nick	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Smith, Rodney	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
97	Ekpe, Scott	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Durr, Coney	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Barber, Thomas	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
93	Jackson, M	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Stelter, Andrew	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
34	Shenault, A	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Huff, Jacob	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95	Ekpe, Hendrick	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
92	Devers, Tai'yon	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	DeLattiboudere	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		34	30	64	1.0-6	3-9	0	0-0	0-0	4	0	2

#	Nebraska	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
52	Banderas, Josh	6	5	11	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Williams, Aaron	5	6	11	-	1-0	-	-	-	1	-	-
55	Maurice, Kevin	1	7	8	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Gerry, Nathan	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
26	Williams, K.	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	1-12	-	-	-
8A	Jones, Chris	4	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
91	Akinmoladun, F.	2	2	4	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	1
44	Stoltenberg, M.	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1A	Rose-Ivey, M.	0	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	Dzuris, Ross	0	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Kalu, Joshua	1	2	3	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Davis, Carlos	0	2	2	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	Ketter, Connor	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Young II, D.	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Weber, Chris	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Newby, Marcus	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Simpson, Brad	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Barry, Mohamed	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1B	Jackson, Lamar	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Reed, Antonio	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		23	50	73	0.0-0	7-6	0	0-0	1-12	3	0	1

RUSHING OFFENSE: Nebraska didn't really get Terrell Newby involved early in the game, but the running back was picking up chunks late in the game, helping the Huskers finish off drives in the win. Newby led all rushers with 84 yards on 16 carries. He was joined by quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr., who scored the team's lone rushing touchdown with a keeper in the fourth quarter. Nebraska's offensive line helped move Minnesota out of the way in the fourth quarter and it was a pretty clean game all around. – Michael Schaefer

B+

PASSING OFFENSE: It wasn't perfect but the Huskers were pretty darn good through the air on Saturday. Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong finished 19-of-27 for 217 yards and a pair of touchdowns, both to running backs who got out in the flat and took care of business. Armstrong didn't toss a pick and the offensive line only allowed one sack on the night. There were still a few plays that could've been made down field, but Nebraska took advantage of things east-west and made it tough on the Gophers. – Michael Schaefer

B+

RUSHING DEFENSE: A good amount of the discussion coming into Saturday's game was whether Nebraska would be able to stop Minnesota's rushing attack. The Huskers were more than up to the challenge, limiting the Gophers to 85 total yards rushing – just 2.5 yards per carry. The longest run of the day was 31-yarder that helped set up a touchdown, but for the most part, Nebraska kept the Golden Gophers solidly in check. Give credit to Nebraska's beat-up linebacking corps, which rose to the occasion – especially Josh Banderas, who finished with 11 tackles in the win. – Michael Bruntz

A

PASSING DEFENSE: The Huskers had trouble shutting down Minnesota quarterback Mitch Leidner in the first half, allowing the senior to complete 9-of-15 passes for 105 yards and keeping the chains moving. Nebraska seemed to be able to get more pressure after halftime and were able to get off the field with more consistency in the second half. The Husker pass defense was able to get a big play to ice the game as Minnesota was making a big foray into Husker territory in the fourth quarter. – Michael Bruntz

B

KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS: Drew Brown made his only field goal attempt, a 46-yarder in the first quarter that helped keep Nebraska close to the Gophers. Beyond that, it was a fairly forgetful day for Nebraska's special teams units. The Huskers were penalized for having 12-men on the field during a punt return – a mistake that allowed Minnesota's drive to continue and end in a touchdown. There was also a -2-yard punt that gave Minnesota solid field position in Nebraska territory. The Husker coverage units held their own for the most part on the evening, but the consistency of mistakes has been glaring to this point. – Michael Bruntz

D

HUSKERS CONTINUE TO MOVE UP RECORD BOOKS

Quarterback Tommy Armstrong's three touchdowns against Minnesota brought his career total to 90, which is tied for first all-time in Husker history with quarterback Eric Crouch.

The senior also made his 43rd career start to tie Taylor Martinez for most career starts by a Nebraska quarterback.

Of his 43 career starts, he has won 30 of those game which is third-most by a Nebraska quarterback only behind Crouch (35) and Tommie Frazier (33).

"He has had a pretty incredible career and he is such a competitor," wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said. "I say it every single time I get asked about him, he is the most competitive person I know and he just battles and battles and battles. I think it is great to see that out of your quarterback, out of one of your leaders."

Westerkamp caught six pass Saturday night to bring his career receptions total to 155. Westerkamp is the third player in Nebraska history to surpass 150 career receptions, joining Kenny Bell (181) and Nate Swift (166).

The senior also has caught at least one pass in 34-straight games, which is three shy of Johnny Rodgers' school record.

Tight end Cethan Carter's three receptions put him at 55 career receptions which ties him with Junior Miller for sixth place among Nebraska tight ends.

Kicker Drew Brown scored six points in tonight's game to push his career total to 272, moving him past Ahman Green (270) into seventh place on the Nebraska career scoring list.

Safety Nate Gerry had five tackles to give him 263 career tackles and is 10 tackles shy of the top five on Nebraska's career list. Gerry is also 24 tackles from the school record for defensive backs, held by Mike Brown, who had 287 tackles.

ARMSTRONG STARTS, BUT SUFFERS OTHER INJURIES

It wasn't much of a surprise when quarterback Tommy Armstrong led the huddle when the Husker offense took the field Saturday.

The senior was cleared to play Thursday but missed all week of practice up until Thursday. Armstrong said the week was filled with frustrations waiting to be cleared.

"I was kind of nervous, but I just wanted to go through the protocol. A couple days where I was kind of ticked off about the results here and there, but it got better, I just had to trust in the doctors, trust in (Head Football Athletic Trainer) Mark (Mayer) to do the right stuff and make sure I'm on the right path to coming back. Now that I look at it, I'm glad that they held me back on some days. I may have felt good on Sunday

Quoting Nebraska wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp:



"I knew [Tommy] was not going to get a concussion hold him back. He had some huge plays tonight so it was great to have him making those plays and we are going to need him going forward."



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NU players come out of the smoke of the Tunnel Walk led by Tommy Armstrong Jr., Zack Darlington, Dylan Utter and Kieron Williams.

but didn't feel too good on Monday, so they did a great job."

Wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said being his roommate he could tell that Armstrong was going to play no matter what this week.

"I knew he was not going to let a concussion hold him back, but he was cleared and everything was good to go. He came in and had to get ready at practice on Thursday and Friday and was ready to go. Just living with the guy I knew he was going to be back. I know his personality, he is a competitor, I have already said that multiple times. But we were excited to have him and he made some huge plays tonight."

Armstrong injured his hamstring on his game-winning rushing touchdown midway through the fourth quarter and did not return.

"Yeah, he is just disappointed that he is dealing with the injury bug but he will be okay and he is excited we won, obviously," Westerkamp said. "He had some huge plays tonight, so it was great to have him making

those plays and we are going to need him going forward."

"Tommy is the toughest dude I've ever been around," safety Kieron Williams said. "He's going to have any type of injury and he's gonna come back. Like a lot of quarterbacks, what happened to him last week, (they) would not have been playing this week. That dude is definitely a warrior. People can say what they want to say about him, but I wouldn't rather go to war with any (other) dude in college football."

DEFENSE HELPS HUSKERS STAY PERFECT AT HOME

In the last four home games, the Huskers have entered halftime facing a deficit but have won all four of those games. The Huskers are now 6-0 at home on the season.

"Everyone comes out and supports us, and so many fans coming to road games," linebacker Josh Banderas said. "So to be able to leave this place knowing we left a good taste in the fan's mouth and in our

mouth, just kind of show that this place is one of the greatest places to playing college football. And our record here would show that, it's a great feeling."

At halftime, Banderas said the seniors took control of the locker room and echoed what needed to be done.

"I don't know what was going on in the first half, we were out of whack and not playing our kind of ball," Banderas said. "The older guys out there took charge and knew what we had to do and you see from the result we got it done in the second half."

The Blackshirts held the Gophers to no points in the second half and 8-of-16 on third downs in the game.

"When you get 3-and-outs, when you're able to make a team punt the ball, it definitely boosts the morale of the defense," safety Kieron Williams said. "So since we were able to do that tonight it felt great. Minnesota is a great team so if you can make a team like that punt, you're definitely doing something right."

Nebraska 24, Minnesota 17



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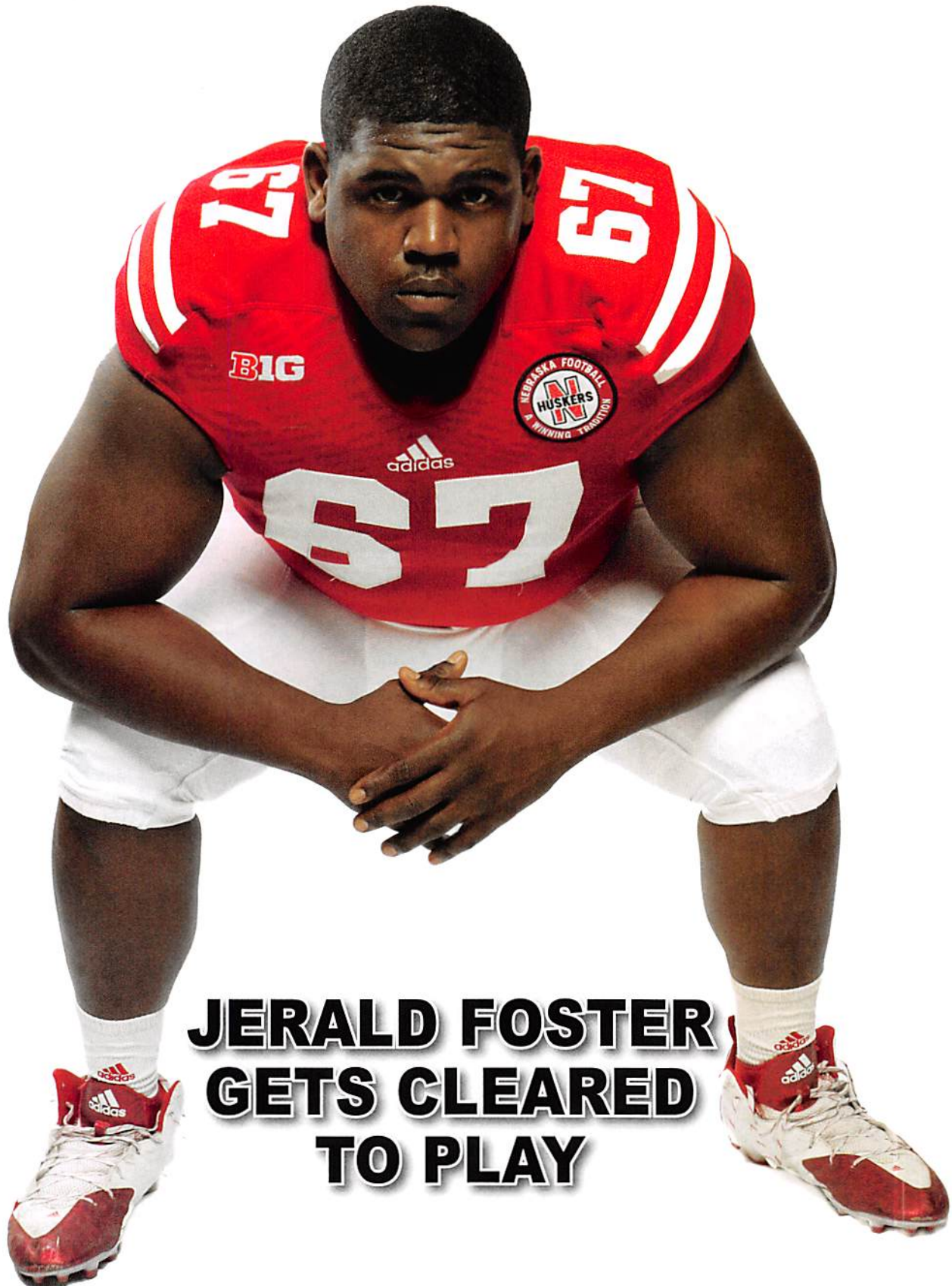
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MITCH OTTO/HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED

Clockwise from above: Brothers Trey Foster and Jerald Foster celebrate after Nebraska's 24-17 victory over Minnesota. Freedom Akinmoladun pressures Minnesota quarterback Mitch Leidner. Offensive linemen Tanner Farmer and Jerald Foster carry Tommy Armstrong Jr. off the field after he injured his hamstring while scoring the game-winning touchdown on a fourth-quarter run. Senior running back Terrell Newby goes up and over a Minnesota player trying to make a tackle. Tre Bryant scored his first receiving touchdown for the Huskers on a 35-yard screen pass in the first half. Tommy Armstrong Jr. dives for yardage as Minnesota players try to tackle him. He tied Eric Crouch's school record for 90 career touchdowns with three in the Minnesota game.

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**JERALD FOSTER
GETS CLEARED
TO PLAY**

Compiled by Kevin Houck

After practicing Wednesday, left guard Jerald Foster had a clear message for all media and fans asking about his weight, conditioning and mental mindset going forward the rest of the season.

"Big Hoss is still Big Hoss guys. Don't worry," Foster said.

Foster tore his MCL in his right knee the first week of fall camp and returned to practice for the first time on Tuesday.

"Jerald Foster is starting to do some work," Nebraska Head Coach Mike Riley said at Monday's presser. "I do not anticipate him being ready for this next game, but I am hopeful for Jerald's sake that he could possibly get back in the mix and be able to play.

"He's already redshirted, so this would be a lost year so it wouldn't be like we would be burning a year if he was able to play at all in this season with these three regular-season games that are left in front of us. Anyway, he is working out right now and kind of going through the protocol of what he needs to do, but he has basically been cleared to run and do all that stuff. So that's good news."

But sooner came faster than later for both Foster and Riley. Foster was scheduled to miss the entire 2016 season with his injury and Riley didn't anticipate Foster seeing playing time this week before returning to practice Tuesday.

"I'm really not worried too much about Jerald, except for probably the conditioning of playing in a game," Riley said Thursday. "We are going to play him. Exactly how we do that at this moment is not decided. We wanted to take a look at today's practice before we finally decided something. But he looks ready, and feels good. And again, he has been totally cleared by our medical staff."

Foster wasn't all smiles like he was this week. The Lincoln Southeast graduate said he saw many dark times through the process but credited the training staff for keeping on him.

"I feel like for everybody the first month right out of surgery is real dark time for you and it kind of makes it hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel," Foster said. "But again, I always thought I'd be able to get out there."

"The doctors said it would be a three-or-four monther, and with the trainers we have, like Drew Hamblin, Mark Mayer, with those guys keeping my head into it, I feel like they really did keep me going with the guys I got in there, with the team that I have and the coaches not letting me not be apart of things it just fired me and kept me going."

Probably the most excited person for Foster's return is left tackle Nick Gates. Foster said Gates has been waiting for this moment since the start of spring ball.

"Love me some Gates," Foster said. "Having the left side back together will be fun. It's been awhile. Hopefully Gates and me will be able to have a little fun together."

Foster was officially cleared on Sunday, practiced with the second-team offense on Tuesday and split first-team reps on Wednesday and Thursday. He said he's making his

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HI'S TOP 5

NEBRASKA CAREER SCORING LEADERS



Junior kicker Drew Brown connected on a 46-yard field goal in the first quarter against Minnesota. Brown scored six points pushing his career scoring total to 272, moving him past Ahman Green (270 points) into seventh place all-time.

- 1 Alex Henery** **397**
Kicker, 2007-10
- 2 Kris Brown** **388**
Kicker, 1995-98
- 3 Eric Crouch** **368**
Quarterback, 1998-01
- 4 Josh Brown** **315**
Kicker, 1999-2002
- 5 Mike Rozier** **312**
I-Back, 1981-83

way back but ultimately it's a coach's decision.

"For playing Saturday it's going to be off what the coaches want," Foster said. "I'm cleared. I got the green light and I love football and I'd loved to be out there. Whatever our coaches and whatever the plan is. If the plan is not to have me out there I get it, but I'd love to be out there."

Foster will be itching for when his name is next called. The 6-foot-3, 300-pounder has yet to play a meaningful snap for the Huskers. He redshirted his freshman season and saw limited action as a reserve last season.

"It will just make it more it's day when it comes around so I can't wait for when I am able to be back on the field," Foster said.

COLE CONRAD CONTINUES TO IMPRESS ON THE LINE

After filling in for right tackle David Knevel against Illinois, Cole Conrad has continued to impress the Huskers coaching staff in his opportunities.

The sophomore walk-on has about locked up the starting right tackle position going forward with the rest of the 2016 season.

Knevel has been in and out of games with a lingering ankle injury since the third game of the season versus the Ducks.

Heading into Saturday's match-up against Minnesota, Conrad is listed as the starting right tackle and taken the majority of first-team reps in practice.

"Can't say enough about the guy," offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh said. "He's gonna be a really good player for us and he's growing every week. His experience has been good and I'm excited for his future."

One player who has taken Conrad under his wing is starting left tackle Nick Gates, who is arguably Nebraska's best lineman.

"He hangs around with the right guy," Cavanaugh said. "Him and (Nick) Gates hang around together. He has the work ethic and toughness."

OFFENSE LOOKING FOR IDENTITY PLAYS

Nebraska's offensive struggles have been apparent through its nine games so far. The



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Sophomore offensive lineman Jerald Foster lines up against Minnesota in his first game back from a knee injury.

Huskers offense has been ineffective and inconsistent against its opponents, especially in the Big Ten.

Nebraska Head Coach Mike Riley said the offense has worsened since the start of Big Ten play and the issue stood out against Ohio State.

"Offensively we have struggled for a while, and it was amplified in that game," Riley said. "We have got to find our niche of what we can do running the ball well and how we can best enhance what we are trying to do in the passing game. But it is probably a whole regrouping offensively and getting back to a good balanced performance. That's what our big chore will be this week as we go forward."

"Everybody here realizes our struggles. It was not just the Ohio State game, but before that too. So we've really got some work to do."

Injuries on the offense have been an issue that can't be overlooked. Alonzo Moore, Jordan Westerkamp, Brandon Reilly, David Knevel, Tanner Farmer, Jerald Foster, Devine Ozigbo and Cethan

Carter have all missed at least a game this season with injuries but Riley deflected the injuries as an excuse.

The good news is all are expected to play against Minnesota Saturday. Riley said the staff would continue to re-evaluate offensive personnel and make changes if needed.

Before the start of Big Ten play, the Huskers ranked fifth in the conference with 461.3 yards of total offense per game and scoring offense at 43.3 point per game.

Heading into the matchup against the Gophers, Nebraska is now seventh in total offense with 404.6 yards per game and sixth with 28.8 ppg.

Riley said getting that production back starts with two identity plays.

"I think the No. 1 thing that we need to do is establish two identity runs that we can repeat better throughout the ballgame that look good," Riley said. "Sometimes when you're not doing well you jump around a bit, so I think establishing our identity in that way and really rehearsing that, practicing that over the course of the

next three days is really going to be big for us in improving that and getting back to it."

DARLINGTON READY AT QUARTERBACK IF NEEDED

Zack Darlington approached Nebraska Head Coach Mike Riley in his office Sunday before any other players arrived.

Riley said Darlington had a simple message for the second-year coach: He's ready to play quarterback Saturday against Minnesota, if they need him.

That's just one of the many times Darlington put the team before himself. Darlington came to Nebraska as a highly-rated quarterback before switching to wide receiver in the spring because of depth and concussion issues.

Then when Foltz passed away, Darlington immediately took over the reigns as kick Drew Brown's place holder.

Riley calls him the team's "Swiss Army Knife".

"I really like that guy," Riley said. "He is a fun guy. He is that guy that is willing to do anything."

When Tommy Armstrong went down against Ohio State, Darlington was the first one to start warming up and his coach took notice.

"Well if you saw in the game the other night when Tommy got hurt, Zack was up warming up right away," Riley said. "He was ready to go."

So this week Darlington is the backup to Ryker Fyfe if Tommy Armstrong runs into any problems against Minnesota.

The Apopka, Fla. native has worked as scout-team quarterback multiple times this season in preparation for dual-threat quarterbacks. Darlington even played Sunday with the scout team and redshirt players, who haven't seen the field this season.

"He continues to play scout team quarterback for us from time to time," Riley said. "As you know, he has been a receiver a little bit. So whatever he does, he does hard and he would not be unfamiliar with what we did. He worked out with our young guys yesterday on our Sunday practice and did a nice job, so that part of it is easy."

This scenario came in part when A.J. Bush transferred, leaving only three quarterbacks on the roster.

"If it came down to if Tommy was out like the Purdue game last year and Ryk-



Zack Darlington is ready to return to quarterback if needed during the last few weeks.

er lost his helmet and had to step out, rather than burning Patrick's redshirt I would just step in and run a zone read or a handoff," Darlington said at the beginning of the season. "Something to save Patrick so Tommy or Ryker could get back in. Just an emergency thing."

Riley also wants to keep freshman Patrick O'Brien's redshirt intact, which moved Darlington into third-string emergency role.

"He knows our intentions have been to redshirt him, and we are going to try to keep that as clean as possible as we go," Riley said. "We all know that we

have to be prepared for anything that might happen out there. We understand that. That is why he has traveled, that is why he has practiced from time to time with our team, that is why he has stayed well-prepared. But our intention would still be to redshirt him if at all possible."

Darlington's willingness to have a team-first attitude has gone a long way in earning him respect that's due amongst his teammates.

"He can do it all," senior wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said. "He's played quarterback, wide receiver, placeholder. He's done everything. He's great to have



Fireworks are displayed over the north part of Memorial Stadium during the playing of the National Anthem before Saturday night's game



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against Minnesota. It was the 353rd-straight sellout and 19th-consecutive night victory by the Huskers at home.

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in the locker room. He's a great kid and always has a positive attitude. He works his tail off, and he's just a great guy to have around."

With everything he is willing to do for the team, Westerkamp joked that the 6-foot-2, 195 pounder could be on the opposite side of the ball this week.

"Maybe you'll see him playing defense this week," Westerkamp joked.

TOMMY ARMSTRONG JR. RETURNS FOR MINNESOTA

Nebraska Head Coach Mike Riley remained optimistic all week that quarterback Tommy Armstrong would play Saturday against Minnesota.

Armstrong returned to the practice field for the first time all week on Thursday doing non-contact work. The senior was able to throw and run during practice drills.

Armstrong was in concussion protocol all week after sustaining a head injury before halftime against Ohio State.

"He was able to actually do most of what we do in our Thursday practice, which is relatively light," Riley said Thursday. "But we run some team stuff, we run some pass skeleton stuff. He was in a green jersey and there was nobody ever even close to him. But he was able to run some plays."

Armstrong wore a green non-contact jersey through practice and even participated in some non-contact situational plays on offense.

Riley said Armstrong would do some more working during Nebraska's walk-thru practice on Friday and if goes as planned he will start Saturday.

"The situation with Tommy is he's gone through and passed all of the concussion protocol up to this point," Riley said. "So what will happen is we will find out if he is asymptomatic tomorrow (Friday), and if he is he will pass another day, and then he could be cleared to play after that, if everything goes smoothly."

Armstrong stood beside offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf during practice in the early part of the week so he could still be involved in the game plan.

"I would say if Tommy is able to play, that we won't have to limit anything that



Tommy Armstrong Jr. runs with the ball during the second half against Minnesota. Armstrong Jr. accounted for three touchdowns in the game before leaving twice with new ankle and hamstring injuries.

is in the game plan," Riley said. "We're talking about a guy that we've been with for about a year and three quarters considering seasons, and he's been able to stay up on the game plan even though he's not practicing, and then getting some work Thursday and getting some work Friday."

BIG TEN ANNOUNCES FRIDAY NIGHT PRIMETIME GAMES

The Big Ten last week announced football games to be televised in Friday primetime during the 2017 season. The games, which will be televised by ESPN and FOX, are as follows:

- Fri., Sept. 1 – Washington at Rutgers
- Fri., Sept. 1 – Utah State at Wisconsin
- Fri., Sept. 8 – Ohio at Purdue
- Fri., Sept. 29 – Nebraska at Illinois
- Fri., Oct. 13 – Northwestern at Maryland
- Fri., Oct. 27 – Mich. State at Northwestern

As a result of the Big Ten Conference's new television agreements, every Big Ten

football game over the next six years will be nationally televised by ABC/ESPN, FOX or BTN.

Of the approximately 600 games scheduled to be broadcast by the Big Ten's television partners in the next six years, 36 games (six per year) will occur on Friday night. While not all institutions are able to participate in Friday night matchups, all 14 institutions will participate in the broad initiative to provide more primetime exposure on national platforms.

"The Big Ten Conference appreciates the significance of high school football within the region and has worked to minimize the impact of this initiative by limiting the number of Friday night games," the conference said in a release.

Overall, these games represent approximately six percent of Big Ten home games annually, and no institution will host more than one game in any given year. Friday night games will also be announced at least 10 months in advance to provide all parties adequate time to prepare.

Hometown Huskers

Senior Fyfe finds self preparing for potential starting role

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo by Reggie Ryder

WITH TOMMY ARMSTRONG JR.

injured and working his way back from a concussion, Ryker Fyfe prepared for the Gophers as if he was going to start.

With Armstrong now nursing an ankle and hamstring injury, he will take the same approach with Maryland.

Fyfe, a Grand Island native, calls the process of not knowing whether he will start or if Armstrong will as a “learned behavior.”

“Every game you’ve got to prepare like a starter so you have to be always mentally in the game,” Fyfe said. “It’s tough but I’ve been doing it for a while so it gets easier over time.”

Fyfe relieved Armstrong late in the second quarter against Ohio State when he had to be carted off the field into an ambulance.

“He was down for awhile so I got quite a bit of time to get ready,” Fyfe said. “That wasn’t as bad as a couple times. Like two years ago, he was taken off the field against Michigan State and I had to just get thrown in there. Times he’s like lost his helmet, that’s when you don’t have any chance to get warm. You just run out there.”

That was the case against Minnesota again when twice Armstrong was injured.

The good news for the 6-foot-3, 215 pounder is he had quite a few reps last week to prepare for the Golden Gophers.

“You might have to think more sharply out there and focus a little more, but I approach every week the same,” Fyfe said. “I’ve learned a lot just knowing what Langs wants to call in certain situations. Just being in the system for the last two years definitely help and I feel comfortable back there.”

In Fyfe’s lone career start, which ended in a 55-45 loss to Purdue a season ago, he went 29-of-48 passes for 407 yards, four touchdowns and four interceptions, which haunted the Huskers with field possession throughout the game.

When called into the Ohio State game before the end of the first half with braska



already down 24-3 to the Buckeyes, he completed 5-of-18 passes for 52 yards and an interception.

“Probably missed some throws but it comes with timing throughout the week,” Fyfe said. “I think I could have played better, but we were down, they were expecting pass and it just kinda wasn’t a good game for us. We gotta rebound from that game.”

Throwing Fyfe into the fire in that type of game probably wasn’t the best scenario for the senior, but offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said he has liked what Fyfe has shown him so far in this week’s preparation.

“He’s had a really good week,” Langsdorf said. “He gets rid of the ball quick, throws accurately, has good footwork and plays at a fast pace, which is good to see. He’s looked good all year, he just hasn’t had a lot of the game reps.”

As for Nebraska Head Coach Mike Riley, he said he is “optimistic” that Arm-

strong will play but has full confidence in Fyfe.

“Yes, I anticipate it,” Riley said of Armstrong being cleared to play. “You know me, I’m kind of an optimistic guy. I don’t see any reason why not at this point, but we’ve been surprised before, so I shouldn’t go any further than that. I believe he is always well-prepared. I really like his ability. I think that given the chance to play that he will perform and do a nice job. I think our team has faith in him and I think that kind of comes through all the time they see him in practice and the work that he puts in. So I think if that is the way that we end up going, I think Ryker will do a good job for us and help us win the game.”

Regardless of who starts against Maryland, Fyfe said the seniors need to seize their opportunities in their last games.

“It’s flown by,” Fyfe said. “The last five years have definitely flown by. We’re going to have to make the best of our opportunities, especially the seniors.”



2016 HUSKER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Results
Sat, Sep 03	Fresno State	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 10	Wyoming	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 17	Oregon	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 24	Northwestern *	at Evanston, Ill.	-
Sat, Oct 01	Illinois *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 15	Indiana *	at Bloomington, Ind.	-
Sat, Oct 22	Purdue *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 29	Wisconsin *	at Madison, Wis.	-
Sat, Nov 05	Ohio State *	at Columbus, Ohio	-
Sat, Nov 12	Minnesota *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Nov 19	Maryland *	Memorial Stadium	-
Fri, Nov 25	Iowa *	at Iowa City, Iowa	-

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No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	D.J. Moore	WR	5-11	215	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Charter HS)	41	Jesse Aniebonam	DL	6-3	260	Jr.	Silver Spring, Md. (Good Counsel HS)
2	Shane Cockerille	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)	41	Mike Shinsky	K	5-9	168	Fr.	Towson, Md. (McDonogh School)
2	Caleb Henderson	QB	6-3	215	So.	Burke, Va. (Lake Braddock HS/North Carolina)	42	Tehuti Miles	RB	5-10	210	Sr.	Hammonton, N.J. (Hammonton HS)
3	Adam Greene	PK	5-11	197	Jr.	Arnold, Md. (Broadneck HS)	43	Jalen Brooks	LB	6-1	232	Jr.	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett HS)
3	Tyrrell Pigrome	QB	5-11	196	Fr.	Pinson, Ala. (Clay-Chalkville HS)	44	Andrew Isaacs	TE	6-2	240	RJr.	Manchester, Conn. (Manchester HS)
4	William Likely III	DB	5-7	175	Sr.	Belle Glade, Fla. (Glades Central HS)	45	Dimitri Lee	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	Bowie, Md. (Friendship Collegiate/Coastal Carolina)
5	Wes Brown	RB	6-0	217	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Good Counsel HS)	46	Tyler Burke	LB	6-3	245	So.	Coatesville, Pa. (Coatesville HS)
6	Milan Collins	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	LaPlata, Md. (Bishop McNamara HS)	47	Kevin Woodeshick	TE	6-2	225	So.	Berwick, Pa. (Berwick HS)
6	Ty Johnson	RB	5-10	205	So.	Cumberland, Md. (Fort Hill HS)	48	Derrick Hayward	TE	6-5	235	Jr.	Salisbury, Md. (Wicomico HS)
7	JC Jackson	DB	6-1	190	So.	Immokalee, Fla. (Immokalee HS)	49	Gus Little	ILB	6-2	230	RFr.	Fredericksburg, Va. (Massaponax HS)
7	Caleb Rowe	QB	6-3	210	Sr.	Landrum, S.C. (Blue Ridge HS)	50	Mbi Tanyi	OLB	6-1	305	So.	Houston, Texas (George Bush HS)
8	Levern Jacobs	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	Temple Hills, Md. (Suitland HS)	51	Matt Oliveira	LS	6-1	205	So.	Watchung, N.J. (Saint Peter's Prep)
9	Trey Edmunds	RB	6-2	223	Sr.	Danville, Va. (Dan River HS/Virginia Tech)	52	Malik Jones	DL	6-4	263	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. (Paul L. Dunbar HS)
10	DJ Turner	WR	5-9	200	Fr.	Glenarden, Md. (DeMatha Catholic HS)	53	Quarvez Boulware	OL	6-2	290	RFr.	Washington, D.C. (Friendship Collegiate Academy)
10	Josh Woods	DB	6-1	202	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. (McDonogh School)	53	Brett Shepherd	LB	6-4	215	Fr.	Buford, Ga. (Collins Hill HS)
11	Denzel Conyers	DB	6-3	212	Sr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Boca Ciega HS/Butte College)	54	JaJuan Dulaney	OL	6-3	297	Jr.	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern HS)
11	Perry Hills	QB	6-2	213	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Central Catholic HS)	55	Dion Goldbourne	DE	6-4	208	Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla. (Atlantic Community HS)
12	Elijah Daniels	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Davie, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)	55	Derwin Gray	OL	6-5	328	So.	Washington, D.C. (Friendship Collegiate/Fork Union Military Academy)
12	Taivon Jacobs	WR	5-9	165	Jr.	Camp Springs, Md. (Suitland HS)	56	Nate Adams	LS	6-0	215	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Greenway HS)
13	DeAndre Lane	WR	5-7	175	Sr.	Catonsville, Md. (Catonsville Senior HS)	56	Matt Gillespie	LB	6-1	241	Jr.	Towson, Md. (Loyola Blakefield)
14	Gage Shaffer	QB	6-7	212	RFr.	Short Gap, W. Va. (Frankfort HS)	57	Richard Merritt	OL	6-5	365	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md. (Archbishop Carroll HS)
14	J.T. Ventura	DB	6-1	215	Sr.	Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Hollidaysburg Area HS)	57	Kingsley Opara	DL	6-3	300	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin HS)
15	Melvin Keihn	DE	6-1	225	RSo.	Towson, Md. (Gilman/Virginia Tech)	58	Damian Prince	OL	6-3	315	So.	Washington, D.C. (Bishop McNamara HS)
16	Milan Barry-Pollock	DB	5-10	196	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Eastern Technical HS)	59	Keiron Howard	DL	6-3	289	RFr.	Fort Washington, Md. (Potomac HS)
16	Nicholas Rubinowicz	P	6-1	216	RFr.	Wellington, Fla. (American Heritage School)	60	Seun Oluwatimi	DL	6-1	290	Fr.	Upper Marlboro, Md. (DeMatha Catholic HS)
17	Tino Ellis	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Reisterstown, Md. (DeMatha Catholic HS)	63	Mike Minter	OL	6-3	305	Jr.	Severna Park, Md. (Severna Park HS)
18	Max Bortenschlager	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Fishers, Ind. (Cathedral HS)	64	Brendan Moore	OL	6-3	300	So.	Austin, Texas (Westwood HS)
18	Cavon Walker	DL	6-2	280	RJr.	Washington, D.C. (Friendship Collegiate)	67	David Shaw	DL	6-4	296	RSo.	Spring Grove, Pa. (Spring Grove HS)
19	Cal Kee	LB	6-1	205	RFr.	Hampton, Va. (Hampton HS/Nevada)	68	Ellis McKennie	OL	6-3	305	RFr.	McSherrytown, Pa. (McDonogh School)
19	Teldrick Morgan	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	Hanover, Md. (Meade/New Mexico St)	69	Joe Marchese	OL	6-3	281	Sr.	Vernon Hills, Ill. (Adlai E. Stevenson HS)
20	Antwaine Richardson	DB	6-0	183	Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla. (Atlantic Community HS)	70	Sean Christie	OL	6-4	300	So.	Medford, N.Y. (Patchogue-Medford HS)
21	RaVon Davis	DB	5-10	170	So.	Fort Washington, Md. (Friendly HS/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)	71	EJ Donahue	OL	6-3	308	RFr.	Monrovia, Md. (Linganore HS)
22	Isaiah Davis	ILB	6-1	235	RFr.	Temple Hills, Md. (St. Stephen's & St. Agnes)	74	Brian Plummer	OL	6-6	305	Fr.	New Windsor, Md. (South Carroll HS)
23	Jermaine Carter, Jr.	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Fort Washington, Md. (Friendship Collegiate)	75	Terrance Davis	OL	6-3	315	Fr.	Temple Hills, Md. (DeMatha Catholic HS)
23	Lorenzo Harrison III	RB	5-8	193	Fr.	Hillcrest Heights, Md. (DeMatha Catholic HS)	76	Michael Dunn	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Bethesda, Md. (Whitman HS)
24	Qwuantrezz Knight	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Quincy, Fla. (East Gadsden HS)	77	Will McClain	OL	6-5	305	RFr.	Middletown, Md. (Middletown HS)
25	Antoine Brooks	LB	5-11	223	Fr.	Lanham, Md. (DuVal HS)	79	Maurice Shelton	OL	6-3	304	Sr.	Greenbelt, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt HS)
26	Darnell Savage, Jr.	DB	5-10	187	So.	Newark, Del. (Caravel Academy)	80	Noah Barnes	TE	6-4	226	Fr.	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS)
27	Alvin Hill	DB	6-0	200	Sr.	Locust Grove, Ga. (Luella HS)	81	Zac Morton	WR	5-10	175	Jr.	Bethesda, Md. (Whitman HS)
29	Elisha Daniels	DB	6-0	183	Fr.	Davie, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)	82	Avery Edwards	TE	6-4	245	So.	Raleigh, N.C. (Ravenscroft HS)
30	Allen Corbin	DB	5-9	190	Sr.	Westminster, Md. (Winters Mill HS)	83	Malcolm Culmer	WR	5-11	192	Sr.	Willingboro, N.J. (Willingboro HS)
30	Kenneth Goins Jr.	RB	5-9	233	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)	84	Jacquille Veii	WR	5-9	185	Sr.	Gaithersburg, Md. (The Avalon School)
31	Nnamdi Egbuaba	LB	6-0	230	So.	Baltimore, Md. (St. Frances Academy)	85	Jahvis Davenport	WR	5-9	193	So.	Tampa, Fla. (Robinson HS)
32	Jarrett Ross	DB	5-9	198	Sr.	Newark, Del. (Charter School of Wilmington)	87	Michael Cornwell	WR	6-2	225	So.	Owings Mills, Md. (McDonogh School)
32	LaDerrien Wilson	RB	5-11	227	Fr.	Saint Cloud, Fla. (Kissimmee-Osceola HS)	88	Wade Lees	P	6-2	204	Fr.	Melbourne, Australia (Deakin University)
33	Luke Cheswick	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Cooksville, Md. (Glenelg HS)	89	Eric Roca	TE	6-3	245	Jr.	San Juan, Puerto Rico (St. John's School)
33	Andrew Stefanelli	RB	5-9	236	Sr.	Rockville, Md. (Good Counsel HS)	90	Roman Braglio	DL	6-2	262	Sr.	Owings Mills, Md. (McDonogh HS)
34	Jake Funk	RB	5-11	207	Fr.	Gaithersburg, Md. (Damascus HS)	91	Adam McLean	DL	6-2	298	Fr.	Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard HS)
35	Marcus Smith	RB	5-9	200	Sr.	West Friendship, Md. (Marriotts Ridge HS)	92	Chandler Burkett	DL	6-3	245	Jr.	Panama City, Fla. (Bozeman HS)
37	Josh Bekoe	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Alexandria, Va. (Mount Vernon HS)	93	Oseh Saine	DL	6-2	300	RFr.	Worcester, Mass. (Lincoln HS/Worcester Academy)
37	Chris Jones	WR	6-2	186	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. (DeMatha Catholic HS/Iowa Western CC)	95	Nicolas Pritchard	P/PK	5-10	211	So.	New Egypt, N.J. (New Egypt HS)
38	Lee Shrader	P	6-1	210	Jr.	Newport News, Va. (Warwick HS)	95	Azubuike Ukandu	DL	6-0	307	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Towson HS)
38	Brett Zanotto	ILB	5-10	230	So.	Murrysville, Pa. (Franklin Regional HS)	96	Brett Kulka	DL	6-4	260	So.	Edinboro, Pa. (General McLane HS)
39	Steve Baca	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Mt. Airy, Md. (South Carroll HS)	97	Danny Sutton	PK/P	6-0	186	Jr.	New Hope, Pa. (New Hope Solebury HS/Towson)
40	Ikechukwu Ogwuegbu	RB	5-9	200	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md. (Northwestern HS)							

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1	Lamar Jackson	DB	6-3	195	Fr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin)	41	Luke McNitt	FB	6-2	240	Jr.	Kearney, Neb. (Nebraska-Kearney)(Kearney)
1	Jordan Westerkamp	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)	42	Trey Foster	TE	6-2	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
2	Tony Butler	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward)	43	Tyrin Ferguson	LB	6-2	225	So.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
2	Zack Darlington	WR	6-2	195	So.	Apopka, Fla. (Apopka)	43	Todd Honas	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
3	Lavan Alston Jr.	WR	6-0	175	RFr.	Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	44	Mitch McCann	FB	6-0	240	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
3	Marcus Newby	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	North Potomac, Md. (Quince Orchard)	44	Mick Stoltenberg	DL	6-5	290	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
4	Avery Anderson	S	6-0	185	RFr.	Surprise, Ariz. (Pine Creek (Colorado Springs))	45	Ty Chaffin	WR	6-5	200	Fr.	Burwell, Neb. (Burwell)
4	Tommy Armstrong Jr.	QB	6-1	220	Sr.	Cibola, Texas (Steele)	45	A.J. Natter	DE	6-5	260	Jr.	Milton, Wis. (Milton)
5	Dedrick Young II	LB	6-1	220	So.	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)	47	Branden Hohenstein	TE	6-4	205	Fr.	Jackson, Neb. (Bishop Heelan)
6	Eric Lee Jr.	CB	6-0	190	RFr.	Milton, Mass. (Valor Christian (Colorado))	47	Matt Jarzynka	DE	6-4	255	So.	Loup City, Neb. (Loup City)
7	Mohamed Barry	LB	6-1	220	RFr.	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	48	Erik Evans	DE	6-3	255	Jr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
8	Chris Jones	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)	49	Austin Hemphill	FB	6-0	220	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
8	Stanley Morgan Jr.	WR	6-1	200	So.	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)	49	Chris Weber	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
9	DaiShon Neal	DE	6-7	270	RFr.	Houston, Texas (Omaha Central)	50	Garret Johns	DL	6-0	285	Sr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
9	Keyan Williams	WR	5-10	195	So.	New Orleans, La. (Fresno State) (Lusher)	50	John Raridon	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)
10	Joshua Kalu	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)	51	Jared Brugmann	LB	6-2	235	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
10	JD Spielman	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie)	52	Josh Banderas	LB	6-3	240	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
11	Cethan Carter	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	New Orleans, La. (Archbishop Rummel)	53	Alex Boryca	LB	6-2	220	So.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
11	Boaz Joseph	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Weston, Fla. (Cypress Bay)	54	Creighton Hamik	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
12	Luke Gifford	LB	6-3	230	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	54	Jordan Ober	LS	6-1	205	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
12	Patrick O'Brien	QB	6-4	230	Fr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (San Juan Hills)	54	Robby Painter	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Centennial, Colo. (Grandview)
13	JoJo Domann	DB	6-1	205	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)	55	Kevin Maurice	DT	6-3	300	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)
13	Tanner Lee	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	Destrehan, La. (Tulane) (Jesuit)	56	Brad Simpson	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
14	Kyle Kasun	DB	6-0	180	RFr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)	56	Boe Wilson	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
15	De'Mornay Pierson-El	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Alexandria, Va. (West Potomac)	57	Jacob Weinmaster	LB	6-0	215	RFr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
15	Michael Rose-Ivey	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)	58	Joel Lopez	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Saint Charles, Ill. (Burlington Central)
16	Antonio Reed	S	6-2	220	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southaven (Miss.))	58	Corey Whitaker	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta)
17	Ryker Fyfe	QB	6-3	215	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)	59	Brody Cleveland	LB	6-2	225	RFr.	Ogallala, Neb. (Ogallala)
17	Sedrick King	DE	6-4	250	So.	Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)	61	Bryan Brokop	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way West)
18	Tre Bryant	IB	5-11	200	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)	62	Cole Conrad	OL	6-5	305	So.	Fremont, Neb. (Archbishop Bergan)
19	Marquel Dismuke	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)	63	Tanner Farmer	OL	6-4	295	So.	Highland, Ill. (Highland)
21	Charles Jackson	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)	65	Christian Gaylord	OL	6-6	300	RFr.	Baldwin City, Kan. (Baldwin City)
21	Mikale Wilbon	IB	5-9	195	So.	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)	66	Dylan Utter	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
22	Alex Davis	DE	6-5	255	RFr.	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)	67	Jerald Foster	OL	6-3	310	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
22	Devine Ozigbo	IB	5-11	230	So.	Sachse, Texas (Sachse)	68	Nick Gates	OL	6-5	290	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
23	Dicaprio Bootle	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Southridge)	71	Matt Farniok	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)
23	Austin Rose	IB	6-1	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)	72	Zach Hannon	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
24	Aaron Williams	S	5-11	185	So.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver)	73	Sam Hahn	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	DeWitt, Neb. (No. Dakota St.)(Tri-County)
25	Nathan Gerry	S	6-2	220	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)	74	Jalin Barnett	OL	6-4	310	RFr.	Lawton, Okla. (Lawton)
26	Thomas Connely	LB	5-11	220	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)	75	Fyn Anderson	DL	6-3	260	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
26	Brady Pelzer	WR	5-11	185	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)	76	Dwayne Johnson Jr.	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
26	Jamie Sutcliffe	PK	6-2	190	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Utah/Pierce College)(Thousand Oaks)	76	Dylan Owen	DL	6-5	240	So.	Westchester, N.Y. (Bridgton Academy)(Somers)
26	Kieron Williams	S	6-1	195	Jr.	Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep)(C.E. Byrd)	77	David Knevel	OL	6-9	315	Jr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada (Pauline Johnson Collegiate)
27	Sam Foltz	P	6-2	205	Fr.	Greeley, Neb. (Grand Island)	79	Michael Decker	OL	6-4	285	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (North)
28	Eli Sullivan	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)	80	Brett Classen	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Medina, Minn. (Winona State)(Wayzata)
28	Adam Taylor	IB	6-2	210	Jr.	Katy, Texas (Katy)	81	Gabe Rahn	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	Le Mars, Iowa (Le Mars)
29	Nolan Graham	DB	5-11	200	So.	Firth, Neb. (Norris)	82	Alonzo Moore	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	Winnfield, La. (Winnfield Senior)
29	Graham Nabity	IB	6-1	210	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)	83	David Engelhaupt	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
30	Quayshon Alexander	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Prospect Park, N.J. (De Paul Catholic)	83	Bryan Reimers	WR	6-5	210	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
30	Bo Kitrell	FB	6-1	225	So.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)	84	Sam Cotton	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
31	Greg Simmons	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Fort Pierce Central)	85	Matt Snyder	TE	6-5	255	RFr.	San Ramon, Calif. (California)
31	Conor Young	WR	6-2	170	RFr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)	86	Jack Stoll	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	Lone Tree, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
32	Tanner Hass	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	West Point, Neb. (Guardian Angels)	87	Brandon Reilly	WR	6-2	200	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
32	Pernell Jefferson	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)	88	Ross Dzuris	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
33	Christian Bailey	WR	6-0	205	Jr.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente)	88	Tyler Hoppes	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Wayne St.)(Southwest)
33	Tanner Zlab	DB	5-10	195	Sr.	Wilber, Neb. (Doane)(Wilber-Clatonia)	89	Connor Ketter	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
34	Drew Brown	PK	5-11	195	Jr.	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)	91	Freedom Akinmoladun	DE	6-4	255	So.	Grandview, Mo. (Grandview)
34	Terrell Newby	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade)	92	Chase Urbach	LS	6-3	200	RFr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich. (Grosse Pointe South)
35	Caleb Lightbourn	P/PK	6-3	220	Fr.	Washougal, Wash. (Camas)	94	Khalil Davis	DT	6-2	290	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
35	Jeremiah Stovall	DB	5-11	175	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)	95	Spencer Lindsay	PK	5-9	210	Sr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney)
36	Spencer Jordan	FB	6-2	215	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	95	Ben Stille	DE	6-5	240	Fr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)
36	Reid Karel	DB	6-3	205	RFr.	Seward, Neb. (Seward)	96	Carlos Davis	DT	6-2	295	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
37	Wyatt Mazour	IB	5-9	190	RFr.	Albion, Neb. (Boone Central)	97	Logan Rath	DT	6-4	280	Sr.	Giltner, Neb. (So. Dakota St.)(Giltner)
38	Harrison Jordan	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	98	Isaac Armstrong	P	5-11	195	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Kearney)(Southwest)
39	Donovan McDonald	WR	5-11	175	RFr.	Montclair, N.J. (Fork Union Military Academy)(Montclair)	98	Collin Miller	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Fishers, Ind. (Hamilton Southeastern)
39	Jordan Nelson	IB	5-8	180	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)	99	Peyton Newell	DT	6-3	290	So.	Hiawatha, Kan. (Hiawatha)
40	Ty Betka	WR	5-7	165	Sr.	Superior, Neb. (Drake)	Jake Kitten	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Santee, Calif. (Santana)	
40	Grant Jordan	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	Sean Lambert	IB	6-0	200	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)	
41	Noah Johnson	IB	6-0	210	RFr.	Sutton, Neb. (Sutton)	Ne'Land Smith	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)	



2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Howard	W, 52-13
Sept. 9	@ Fl. International	W, 41-14
Sept. 17	@ Central Florida	W, 30-24
Oct. 1	Purdue	W, 50-7
Oct. 8	@ Penn State	L, 38-14
Oct. 15	Minnesota	L, 31-10
Oct. 22	Michigan State	W, 28-17
Oct. 29	@ Indiana	L, 42-36
Nov. 5	@ Michigan	L, 59-3
Nov. 12	Ohio State	L, 62-3
Nov. 19	@ Nebraska	
Nov. 26	Rutgers	

2015 RESULTS (3-9, 1-7)

Richmond	W, 50-21
Bowling Green	L, 48-27
USF	W, 35-17
@ West Virginia	L, 45-6
Michigan	L, 28-0
@ Ohio State	L, 49-28
Penn State	L, 31-30
@ Iowa	L, 31-15
Wisconsin	L, 31-24
@ Michigan State	L, 24-7
Indiana	L, 47-28
@ Rutgers	W, 46-41

COACH DJ DURKIN

Durkin is in his first season as the head coach. He came from Michigan where he was the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for only one year.

Before that he served as the DC at Florida from 2013-14, then as the special teams and defensive ends coach at Stanford. He got his first full-time coaching gig at Bowling Green where he also was a defensive end/outside linebacker. He is known as having a great defensive mind but also as a top recruiter. Those were two of the main reasons the 38-year old was hired at Maryland.



Linebacker Shane Cockerille switched from offense to defense this year.

Story By Shane G. Gilster • Photos by University of Maryland Athletics

Huskurs send out seniors with a win

Nebraska needs a game like this against a team that hasn't been very competitive lately. The Maryland Terrapins started the season at 4-0 but since have been 1-5, including 2-5 in the Big Ten. This is the first-ever meeting between these two programs.

The good news is Husker quarterback Tommy Armstrong played well last week after getting knocked out the week before. The bad news is he got injured again. Armstrong is the most important player on the team and with it being the last game for him and his fellow seniors in Memorial Stadium, expect him to try and play.

If Armstrong does not play, this game might not look pretty. But regardless Nebraska will get a much-needed win over the hapless Terrapins, and at this point in their season, that's all that matters.

Prediction: Nebraska 35, Maryland 14

Offensive Preview

Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2

Offense: Multiple

Outlook: The problem with the Terp offense has been its quarterback play. Senior

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Perry Hills has taken the majority of snaps this season but got injured in the last game against Ohio State. Freshman Tyrrell Pigrome and senior Caleb Rowe split time in the loss to the Buckeyes. Pigrome is the quarterback of the future and is a dual-threat talent but still needs another year.

Maryland's rushing attack has a somewhat effective tandem of Ty Johnson and Lorenzo Harrison. Both have similar stats – Johnson (656 yards, four TDs) and Harrison (633 yards, five TDs).

Perhaps the most dangerous threat for the Terps is receiver D.J. Moore. The sophomore leads the team in receiving yards (469) and touchdowns (five).

"He's got great ability," head coach DJ Durkin said of Moore. "Any time you take a guy who's talented and has ability and mix that with a great work ethic, you're going to have a great player and I really think that's what he is."

Defensive Preview

Starters Returning/Lost:

5/6

Defense: 4-2-5 (Multiple)

Outlook: The Terp defense has given up some points this year (163 in the last three games) but they still have a few playmakers. Shane Cockerille played fullback and a little quarterback last year but switched to linebacker in 2016 and currently is the team's leading tackler.

"Him playing quarterback, he knows a lot about the defense," said Maryland defensive lineman Cavan Walker. "He had to read the



D.J. Moore is Maryland's best playmaker on offense.

defense as a quarterback. He hits the holes fast, he moves fast from side to side ... he's always been an athlete."

Another productive defender for the Terps is Jesse Aniebonam. The 6-foot-3, 260-pounder leads the team in tackles for loss (9.5 for 56) and sacks (5.5 for 42).

A big loss for this defense is preseason All-Big Ten choice William Likely. The cornerback tore his ACL in the sixth game of the season.

Special Teams Preview

Starters Returning/Lost:

1/1

Outlook: Likely is a big loss for the defense, but he was just as valuable as a kick returner. He owns or shares six different Maryland records. Likely broke a 76-year-old Big Ten game record with 233 punt return yards. He also took three kicks back for scores, including a 100-yard kickoff return. Likely was averaging over 27 yards per return

before his injury.

D.J. Moore is trying to pick up the slack returning kicks and has averaged a respectable 19 yards per return.

Both kickers are dependable. Place kicker Adam Greene is 7 of 10 on attempts but his long is only 37 yards. Punter Wade Lees is averaging 40 yards with only one over 50.

Did You Know?

The four official colors of the University of Maryland are from the Maryland state flag. The red, white, black, and gold represent the shield in the coat of arms of George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore and original colonial proprietor of Maryland. The shield features alternating quadrants of yellow and black colors from his paternal family, the Calverts, together with the red and white colors of his maternal family, the Crosslands. The Maryland General Assembly adopted a banner of this design as the state flag in 1904.

Fast Facts

Location: College Park, Md.

Enrollment: 37,248

First Year ofotball: 1892

National Championships: 1

Conference Titles: 11

Stadium: Capital One Field at Maryland Stadium

Stadium Capacity: 51,802

Nickname: Terrapins, Terps

Mascot: Testudo (Terrapin)

Colors: Red, White, Black, Gold

2015 Record: 3-9, 1-7

Conference: Big Ten

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This Week In Husker History

Nov. 18, 1989

Story by Kevin Houck • Huskers Illustrated Archives

This week in Husker history we go back to the late 1980's. The times of the Big Eight conference.

For the first time since 1961, Nebraska and Oklahoma weren't playing for the Big Eight championship. Instead the Sooners traveled to Lincoln to face off against the No. 6 Huskers on Nov. 18, 1989 in the last conference game of the season.

Nebraska quarterback Gerry Gdowski threw for a career-high 225 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another score, leading the Cornhuskers past Oklahoma, 42-25.

The Huskers moved to 10-1 overall and 6-1 in the conference, finishing in second place by beating Oklahoma for the second-consecutive season. Colorado finished first in the conference.

Nebraska scored the most points by any opponent against the Sooners since Colorado got 42 points in 1980.

Oklahoma was on probation and ineligible to play in a bowl game, finishing 7-4 overall and 5-2 in conference in its first season under Coach Gary Gibbs.

Nebraska, bound for the Fiesta Bowl after the victory, scored on its first four possessions with Gdowski running eight yards for the first touchdown with 12:56 left in the first quarter.

On Oklahoma's ensuing possession, quarterback Steve Collins found wide receiver Arthur Guess deep for an 82-yard touchdown just two-minutes later to tie the game at 7-7.

Gdowski then threw to running back Richard Bell for a 31-yard passing touchdown with 8:23 left in the first quarter. Nebraska was successful on the two-point conversion to make the score 15-7.

Again Gdowski worked his magic through the air. This time finding tight end Chris Garrett on a 24-yarder for a touchdown with 3:33 left in the first quarter.

The Sooners cut the lead in half on their next drive. Running back Leon Perry scored from 1-yard out after guard Mike Sawatzky ran the "fumblerooski" to the Huskers one-yard line. The two-point conversion was successful to cut the Huskers lead to 21-15.

Nebraska kicker Gregg Barrios, who broke the school record with his 54th consecutive extra-point kick after the Huskers first touchdown, added a 24-yard field goal with 7:17 left in the first

half.

After trading punts, the Sooners put together a drive before halftime. Kicker Tim Lasher cut the Nebraska lead to within seven points with his 26-yard field goal with 44 seconds left before halftime.

The Sooners' last two drives took times of 5:43 and 6:28 as they limited Nebraska to one second-quarter possession until the final seconds of the half.

The Blackshirts stopped the Sooners on their first possession out of halftime.

After taking over possession, Gdowski threw to Garrett on a 23-yard touchdown pass for their second connection on the day with 11:32 left in the third quarter.

Later in the third quarter, Gdowski completed a touchdown pass to Morgan Gregory for a 38-yard reception with 3:37 remaining to stretch the lead to 39-18.

Perry added his second one-yard touchdown run for the Sooners on the day just three minutes into the fourth quarter after Sawatzky carried the ball again to the Nebraska one-yard line on the intentional fumble play to make the score 39-25.

Barrios added a 35-yard field goal with two-minutes left in the fourth quarter to seal the 42-25 victory in Lincoln.

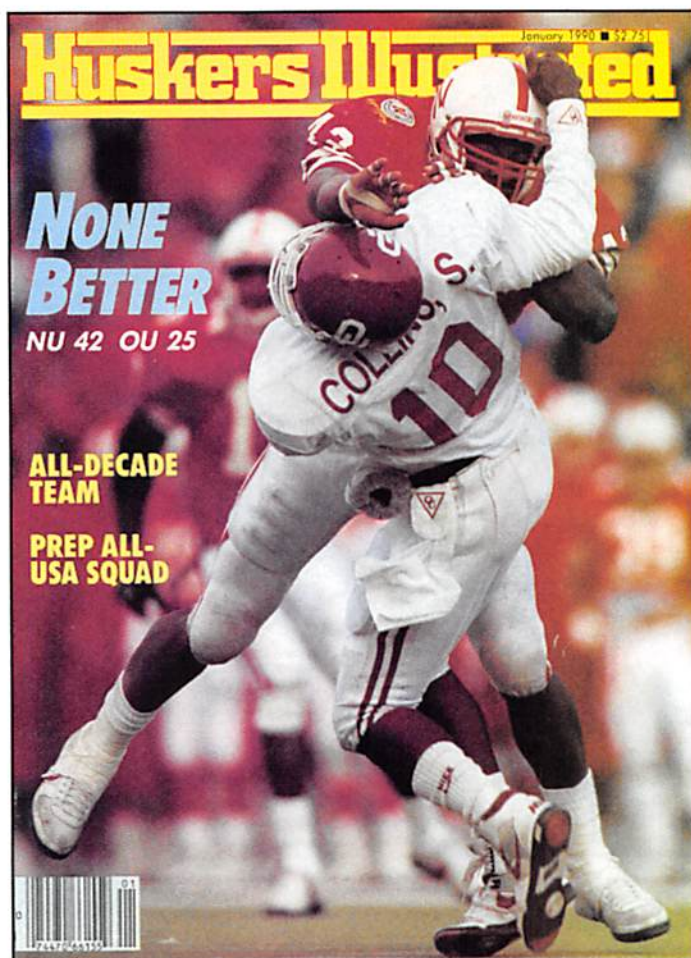
Gdowski finished with 2,251 yards in total offense for the season, at that point it was second

best in school history since Jerry Tagge in the Nebraska's 1971 national championship year. Tagge had 2,333 yards of total offense that season.

Although he didn't find the endzone, Nebraska running back Ken Clark ran the ball 23 times for 91 yards. At that point with his 91 rushing yards, he became the second Nebraska player to go over the 3,000-yard mark in career rushing, joining 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier.

The Blackshirts held Collins to 2-of-10 passing for 97 yards and two interceptions, but the Sooners manage to rush for 266 yards on 59 carries. Oklahoma fumbled the ball five times and only managed to lose one.

The win was the Huskers' 103rd in the 1980s, tying Alabama's NCAA record for wins in a decade.





A Stroll Down Rasmussen Road With **HARRY WILSON**

1964-66 Running Back

Column by Butch Rasmussen • NU Media Relations

"Light Horse" Harry Wilson was the name. In his heyday as a Husker running back he was good enough to be inducted 50 years later into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame.

Today he's just Harry Wilson, a broken man, football has not been kind to him.

He takes care of his two grandchildren ages 5 and 16, in his Philadelphia apartment while his daughter Tanita Chapman works 12-16 hour days as a nurse's aide at a Philadelphia hospital to provide for her family.

When I called Wilson to talk about this article he said he couldn't talk long since his grandchildren would be home from school soon.

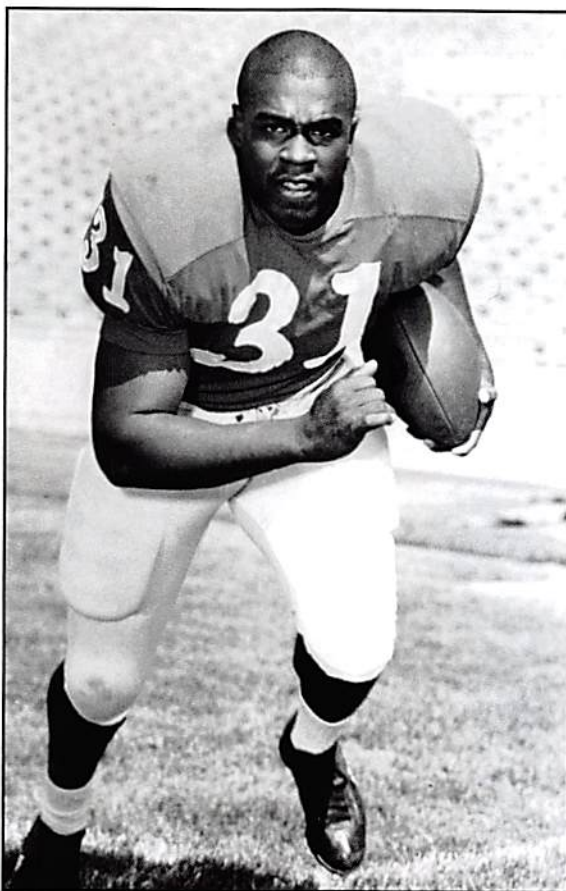
Wilson returned to Lincoln last year for the first time in 50 years to join former teammates in the 50 year anniversary celebration of their 1965 Big 8 Championship team and so he could stand for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Wilson was a standout four-sport athlete at Steubenville Big Red High School in Steubenville, Ohio. He was Ohio back of the year in 1962, was picked up by the Cleveland Indians as a center fielder, was second team All-State in basketball and ran the third leg of the 440 relay team on the track team.

He was recruited to play football at Nebraska by Husker assistant coach John Melton, and when head coach Bob Devaney called on him in his home it sealed the deal over Ohio State, Michigan State and 10 or 15 others hoping to gain his favor.

Freshman couldn't play on the varsity so Wilson's first varsity experience came when he was a sophomore and that was the year he became a starter. One of the things he finds most humorous during his playing days was the afternoon at Iowa State when he was sitting the bench because he was overweight and being punished by coach Devaney. At one point the Huskers got behind by a touchdown and Devaney became worried and put him in the ballgame and Wilson ran for a 58-yard touchdown.

Wilson feels like his best game as a Husker was the 1965 Thanksgiving day game versus Oklahoma for the Big 8 Conference championship. He ran for a 66-yard score and caught a 38 yard pass from quarterback Bob Churchich for another touchdown. Wilson ran for 160 yards that day on 19 carries.



If you want to see some special play by the Huskers in that game just Google "Nebraska vs. Oklahoma football 1965" to see a 10-minute clip of the Huskers coming back from a 9-0 deficit on those scores by Wilson and some classic blocks by fullback Pete Tatman to open the holes.

Wilson gives a lot of credit to Tatman for being a big asset to him as a productive running back.

"Pete was good and he was smart. If I would line up wrong he'd set me straight," Wilson said.

A good offensive line also contributed to Wilson leading the Huskers in rushing in 1965 and '66.

Following a 10-0 regular season in 1965, NU fell to Alabama, 39-28, in an Orange Bowl showdown that decided the national champion. Nebraska finished third in the final UPI ranking and fifth in the AP poll.

Wilson moved on to the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1967 and in 1970 decided he'd had enough football and decided to go into business for himself.

For the next 10 years he sold candy to schools for fundraising projects. Then he worked construction for 19 years before retiring. His legs and his body just wouldn't

hold up from the punishment he took from his years in football.

Today, at 72, Light Horse Harry Wilson struggles to stay on his feet. On a good day he gets by using a cane. Other days he uses a walker. When the kids are with their grandmother he gets out to the grocery store with other seniors in the building. He's grateful for the financial help that friends and former teammates gave him so that he could get back to Lincoln for the 50 year reunion and his induction into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame. He was in awe of the changes from the days he played at Nebraska. From no weight room to a humongous state of the art facility From a small cramped locker room to one today that is far beyond what they had in his day in terms of comfort with iPads in every locker.

When he walked off that field for the last time in 1965 the stadium capacity was 53,000. When he walked through the tunnel the next time 50 years later on game day he was overwhelmed by a sea of red numbering 90,000.

Wilson said just seeing the many changes over the years since he'd been there brought tears to his eyes.

He was Light Horse Harry Wilson and it was good to come home after 50 years

Great Name, Great Player

I.M Hipp had the name and talent to become a Husker great



Story By Shane G. Gilster

Photo courtesy of NU Media Relations

Isaiah Moses Walter Hipp was once dubbed as the most famous walk-on in college football history.

It wasn't just because of the way he piled up yardage during his record-breaking sophomore season, when he smashed the Nebraska single-game and single-season rushing records at Nebraska, but also due to the fact he had that "hip" name: I.M. Hipp.

"Don Bryant (Nebraska's sports information director) gave me the initials I.M.," Hipp said. "He did that because there were reporters who would spell my name wrong. Don asked if it bothered me that my name was spelled incorrectly. I said, 'No, not really,' but he said it bothered him. He said that if I was going to be in the public eye, then my name needs to be spelled correctly, so he said that we should just use my initials."

The name I.M. Hipp brought instant star power, and coming off his record-setting sophomore season, when he earned first-team All-Big Eight and second-team UPI All-American honors, local and national pundits penciled Hipp in as a Heisman Trophy candidate in 1978.

No one could predict this would happen to a little-known walk-on from a small town in South Carolina. Hipp's tale of coming to Nebraska and making it at a storied football program is right out of the movie "Rudy". But Hipp was no Rudy.

Hipp's story began in Chapin, South Carolina, a town with a population of about 1,000 people, located northwest of Columbia.

"In my neighborhood growing up there were Oklahoma fans, and I was the only Nebraska one," Hipp said. "That sparked a desire to play at Nebraska. From then on I began to work hard and keep that dream in mind."

Hipp's high school was one of the small-



I.M. Hipp's real name is Isaiah Moses Walter Hipp.

est in the state, with only about 25 players on the team. So that meant he had to play more than one position; in fact he played five: linebacker, rover, cornerback, tight end and running back.

Hipp led his Chapin Eagles to two state AA championships, running for 2,889 yards on 541 carries and scoring 288 points in 42 games. He missed half of his senior season because of a shoulder injury, but still managed to rush for 880 yards and 14 touchdowns. Hipp grew up during a time period when racism was still prevalent in the Deep South; along with being injured in his senior year, that may have contributed to the fact that he received no scholarship offers from the in-state schools. And since he was from a little-known town in a remote part of the country, there were no out-of-state colleges recruiting him.

"I was interested in going to the University of South Carolina, but I wasn't even invited to walk on," Hipp said. "But there was still

something within me to go to the University of Nebraska. I submitted a letter to Tom Osborne about walking on there. He responded back to me and said they would love to have me and that they have an excellent walk-on program."

Hipp was raised by his great grandmother, Cora Osby, who was 97 years old at the time. She wanted him to get away and experience things, so Nebraska seemed like a good place for that. So Hipp bought a one-way plane ticket from South Carolina to Nebraska in August. "It was Nebraska or bust," Hipp said. He was able to secure financial aid and enrolled in school in 1975.

"It was the first time I had ever been to Nebraska," Hipp said. "When I arrived, I felt Lincoln was very welcoming to a variety of people. It wasn't black/white like it was in South Carolina back in those days. I was new to that culture, but was comfortable."

There was no turning back for Hipp now. He had to make it at Nebraska. "I had a de-

sire and will to succeed. I always kept myself conditioned, mentally and physically."

Hipp breathed, lived and thought weightlifting. "I started that in high school after I picked up a Joe Weider muscle magazine. I bought the Joe Weider 110-pound bar and weights. In high school I worked out on the universal quad machine. My favorite workout was with my legs. Legs are the most important part of a person. If your ankles, knees and thighs are strong, then a person can endure pretty much any hit."

Hipp worked on his legs to such a degree that the NU strength and conditioning coach Boyd Epley came up with an idea for a new weightlifting machine.

"They had a universal machine located in the south stadium by the training room. I always did leg sleds and what they called a hex squat. I didn't like doing that because I felt it put too much strain on my back and made me tight. So I started doing these hip presses underneath it, and Boyd Epley saw me doing them.

"Two or three weeks later AMF came in. They were the ones, along with Boyd, that designed the equipment. They said that since I was an amateur athlete they could not use my last name Hipp for this new machine, but rather the name 'Hip'. From there the "Hip Sled" became a popular commodity."

Hipp excelled in Nebraska's weight room, and improved his 40-yard dash time to a speedy 4.35.

"There was no weight room like Nebraska's weight room," he said. "Even today when I talk to coaches and their high school programs, they emulate Boyd Epley's system. They had the equipment that allowed me to get bigger in certain areas of my body, and mostly it was my legs. It made me stronger and faster."

Hipp put his conditioning and weightlifting prowess to good use on the field. All freshmen had to play on the freshman team so Hipp split time with fellow I-back Richard Berns and helped guide the team to a perfect 5-0 record 1975.

In 1976, Osborne decided to redshirt Hipp because of a plethora of running backs. "We had guys like Richard Berns, Dave Gillespie, John O'Leary, Monte Anthony and Dodie Donnell. That (redshirting) was a good thing for me because I could learn the system by playing on the scout team."

At the start of the 1977 season, Hipp was the third-team running back, with Anthony and Berns ahead of him. Hipp didn't see much action in the first game, an upset loss to Washington State, but Husker fans got a glimpse of a star in the making in NU's 31-24 upset win in the second game against No. 4 Alabama.

Hipp only had 38 yards rushing, but it was his dazzling 53-yard run after catching

a swing pass that made fans stand up and take notice. Husker radio broadcaster Lyle Bremser had this to say after the play: "Ladies and gentlemen, you just looked at him, Isaiah Moses Hipp...I.M. Hipp...and he can really move that hip down there...53 yards as he put it to the Alabama 26."

The next week, Nebraska faced Baylor, and Hipp filled in for injured starter Berns, who suffered a hip pointer in the first quarter. The result was a 122-yard rushing day with a touchdown.

Hipp followed that performance with one of the best in Husker history the following week, when he made his first career start (Berns was still sidelined).

Hipp carried the ball 28 times against Indiana for an NU single-game record of 254 yards, besting Berns' previous record of 211 yards a year earlier.

The name I.M. Hipp not only became a Nebraska household name but national as well. For his effort against the Hoosiers, Hipp was named the Big 8, National AP and UPI Back of the Week.

"I didn't realize I broke the single-game rushing record until after the game. The trainer came in and told me. I didn't even know what the school record was," Hipp said. "Coach Osborne had a way of keeping us grounded. He didn't want us to get over adulated over records or individual stats or accomplishments, because it was all team-oriented."

Hipp continued his rushing onslaught in the next game against Kansas State, busting out long touchdown runs of 66 and 82 yards to finish with 207 yards on 23 carries.

He went on to break the Nebraska single-season rushing record by rushing for 1,353 yards. He also was tied with Berns for the team lead in touchdowns with ten. With instant stardom usually comes instant ego. But Hipp remained grounded. "I didn't let the records go to my head. It took 10 other people and myself to accomplish that."

The 5-11, 200-pound Hipp, the 1977 Husker Power Lifter of the Year, likened his running style to that of O.J. Simpson, Jim Brown and Larry Csonka. "I wanted to bull and run like Csonka, and have the running speed and style of Simpson. I was a quad runner...meaning I could go north/south, side to side, bull or be the dazzle/dancer."

"We were a pure power offense and that fit my skill-set perfectly. We played around with the spread offense, the veer and wishbone, but no one ran the I-formation better than us."

After his record-breaking season, Hipp still wasn't on scholarship. "A player of my caliber not being on scholarship looked suspicious. The NCAA thought it would look more presentable for me to be on scholarship rather than financial aid. But I wanted

to earn my way on the team first, and I did that. I got on scholarship in March of 1978."

The Heisman Trophy was a legitimate aspiration for Hipp going into his junior season. But Berns was healthy again and took carries away from Hipp, basically ending all Heisman talk. Hipp still managed to gain 1,002 yards, becoming the first Husker running back with back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. But Berns led the team with 1,032 yards. It was the first time a pair of running backs each rushed for over 1,000 yards in the same season.

In his final year, Hipp was bothered by a turf toe, and another famous walk-on came to the forefront by the name of Jarvis Redwine. Hipp started the first three games of the year before giving way to Redwine. Hipp's turf toe bothered him too much, and he felt that Redwine could contribute to the team better than he could. Hipp finished the season with 585 yards rushing, 167 of that coming in the first game of the year, before the injury.

"I couldn't press off and cut very well because of the pain, and I am a believer in not using pain pills," Hipp said. "I just wasn't at 100%, even though Coach (Mike) Corgan and Coach Osborne said I could play more. I told them to go ahead and put Jarvis in, and he did a fantastic job. He went on to be All-Big 8 and rush for over 1,000 yards."

What if Hipp had the I-back position all to himself as a junior and was healthy as a senior? He might have bested his sophomore season rushing total one or both of those years, and could have won a Heisman Trophy.

"There were times I would reminisce and thought what if?" Hipp said. "If I wouldn't have shared time with Richard in 1978, I probably would have won the Heisman. Same thing in '79; if I didn't get injured, I would have won it again."

Hipp's NFL career didn't turn out the way he wanted. He was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in the fourth round. For six seasons he went from team to team, including Atlanta, Oakland, Denver and Philadelphia, but just couldn't find that fit, playing mostly on special teams.

"After my NFL career I got into human services working with troubled youth. Then I got into apartment management with Community Housing Partners."

In his spare time, Hipp still continues his strength and continuing regimen from his playing days at Nebraska.

"I weight-train three days week and do cardio two days a week. But I have to get my golf in there. My leg training helps my golf game. I can get around on the ball and get my hips though for that snap."

Just like in his playing days, when those hips snapped past defenders, making Hipp one of the best running backs in NU history.

How Nebraska's Opponents Fared in Week 11

Sept. 3

Fresno State (1-9)

BYE

The Bulldogs had a bye week as they prepare for Hawaii next week. In their last game, the Bulldogs were pretty hapless in losing 37-0 to Colorado State. Colorado State quarterback Nick Stevens threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns and the Rams' running backs added three touchdowns. With the shutout, Fresno State has now lost eight-straight games.

Sept. 10

Wyoming (7-3)

UNLV 69, Wyoming 66

The Rebels capitalized on an interception for the win in a thriller that went three overtimes. Wyoming quarterback Josh Allen was intercepted by UNLV's Torry McTyler which set up a 40-yard game-winning field goal by kicker Nicolai Bornand. UNLV quarterback Kurt Palandech totaled 409 yards of offense four touchdowns in the win.

Sept. 17

Oregon (3-7)

Stanford 52, Oregon 27

The Cardinals outscored the Ducks 52-13 through three quarters of the game before pulling starters in the fourth quarter. Oregon now has its first losing season since 2004 and has fallen out of bowl contention with the loss. Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey ran for 135 yards and three touchdowns.

Sept. 24

Northwestern (5-5, 4-3)

Northwestern 45, Purdue 17

After heading to halftime with a 14-10 lead, Northwestern outscored Purdue 31-7 in the second half. Wildcat quarterback Clayton Thorson threw for a career-best 352 yards and three touchdowns while running back Justin Jackson added 127 yards and two touchdowns. Wide receiver Austin Carr has tied a school record with 12 touchdown receptions.

Oct. 1

Illinois (2-8, 1-7)

Wisconsin 48, Illinois 3

The Badgers jumped out to a 31-3 lead at halftime to ease to victory. The Wisconsin defense intercepted Illinois quarterback Jeff George Jr. four times and held the Fighting Illini to 200 yards of total offense. Quarterback Wes Lunt returned in the second half after missing the last four games with a back injury he suffered Oct. 8. The Illini gave up 363 rushing yards to the Badgers.

Oct. 15

Indiana (5-5, 3-4)

Penn State 45, Indiana 31

Penn State running back Saqoun Barkley ran for two go-ahead touchdowns in the fourth quarter and the Nittany Lions defense sealed the victory with a nine-yard fumble return for a touchdown with 29 seconds left to pass by the Hoosiers. Barkley was held to 20 yards on 20 carries through three quarters of play before running for 38 more in the fourth.

Oct. 22

Purdue (3-7, 2-5)

Northwestern 45, Purdue 17

The Boilermakers continued to be competitive in the first half of games under interim head coach Gerad Parker and led the Wildcats 10-0 at one point of the first half. However, the Boilermakers made turnovers and mistakes that led to another disappointing loss before just 30,548 fans at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Oct. 29

Wisconsin (8-2, 5-2)

Wisconsin 48, Illinois 3

The Badgers jumped out to a 31-3 lead at halftime to ease to victory. The Wisconsin defense intercepted Illinois quarterback Jeff George Jr. four times and held the Fighting Illini to 200 yards of total offense. Wisconsin running back Corey Clement ran for 123 yards and three touchdowns, while fellow backup Dare Ogunbowale added 103 rushing yards.

Nov. 5

Ohio State (9-1, 6-1)

Ohio State 62, Maryland 3

The Buckeyes scored 45-straight points to rout Maryland. Ohio State quarterback JT Barrett threw for 253 yards and four total touchdowns and wide receiver Curtis Samuel accounted for 112 yards of total offense and three touchdowns.

Nov. 19

Maryland (5-5, 2-5)

Ohio State 62, Maryland 3

The Buckeyes scored 45-straight points to rout Maryland. Ohio State quarterback JT Barrett threw for 253 yards and four total touchdowns and wide receiver Curtis Samuel accounted for 112 yards of total offense and three touchdowns.

Nov. 25

Iowa (6-4, 4-3)

Iowa 14, Michigan 13

Michigan appeared to have the game wrapped up after Channing Stribling's interception of Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard with 1:54 left in the game.

But the Hawkeyes defense stuffed the Wolverines to force a punt, and a facemask penalty put Iowa at Michigan's 36 with 1:23 to go. Iowa kicker Keith Duncan kicked a 33-yard field goal as time expired to beat the Wolverines. Running back Akrum Wadley ran for 115 yards on 23 carries for Iowa.

Huskers defeat South Dakota State in tourney

Courtesy NU Media Relations • Photo by Mitch Otto

After no score in 110 minutes, the Nebraska soccer team (11-5-5) won a penalty kick shoot-out over South Dakota State, 3-0, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Barbara Hibner Stadium on Friday night.

Freshman goalkeeper Aubrei Corder earned her sixth-consecutive shutout and 11th overall this season. Corder collected four saves in regulation before denying all three Jackrabbit attempts in the penalty kick shootout.

The Huskers went 3-for-4 in the penalty kick shootout to advance to the NCAA Tournament second round for the first time since 2013. NU's quartet of seniors attempted each of the shots, with Courtney Claassen, Caroline Flynn and Sydney Miramontez finding the back of the net.

During regulation, the Huskers outshot the Jackrabbits 13-5, which included a 6-4 advantage in shots on goal. After each taking three shots in the opening frame, NU outshot SDSU 7-2 in the second half and outshot the Jacks by a combined margin of 3-0 in extra time. Nebraska also held a 6-2 advantage in corner kicks.

The Huskers will travel to No. 4 seed UCLA on Saturday for the second round.



SYDNEY MIRAMONTEZ

2016 Women's Soccer Schedule

8-19 Marquette	W 2-1
8-22 @ BYU	W, 1-0
8-26 @ Oregon	L, 1-0
8-28 @ Oregon State	W, 2-1
9-2 Kansas	W, 1-0
9-4 Saint Louis	W, 2-1
9-9 Dayton	W, 3-1
9-11 @ Clemson	L, 5-2
9-16 Michigan State	W, 2-0
9-18 Michigan	L, 2-1
9-23 @ Ohio State	W, 3-0
9-25 @ Penn State	L, 2-1
9-30 Indiana	W, 1-0
10-6 @ Wisconsin	T, 1-1
10-9 @ Minnesota	L, 3-0
10-13 Illinois	W, 2-0
10-16 Northwestern	T, 0-0
10-22 @ Rutgers	T, 0-0
10-26 Iowa	W, 1-0
10-30 Northwestern	T, 0-0 L PK
11-11 South Dakota State	T, 0-0 W PK
11-18 UCLA (NCAA 2nd Round)	

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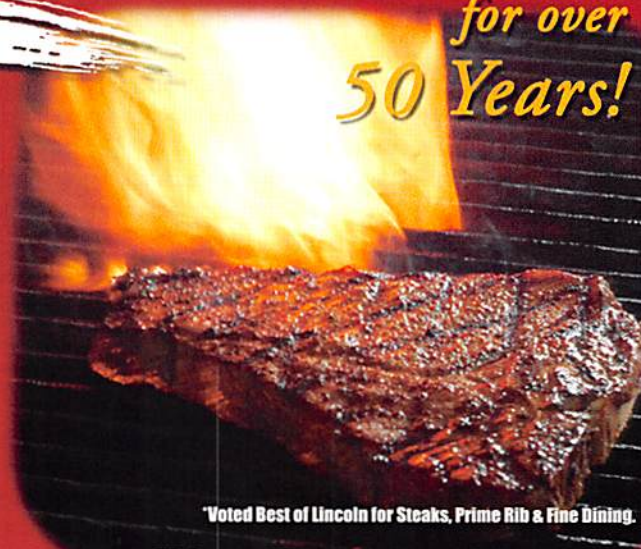
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HUSKERS ADD WALK-ON TO ROSTER

The Nebraska men's basketball program announced the addition of walk-on Mohammad Elradi to the Husker basketball team. Elradi is a 6-0, 180-pound guard from Omaha who played at Elkhorn Mt. Michael High School and earned a spot in walk-on tryouts last month.

"He's really athletic," Nebraska Head Coach Tim Miles said. "Quickness-wise, Mo competes with everybody on the team. So he can guard people and they can feel him, and when he's open he can make a shot. I like him. He's got a great story. He's a tremendous kid and has been through a lot, and I'm really happy that he's on our squad."

Elradi played three seasons at Elkhorn Mt. Michael for coach John Roshone, totaling 958 career points. As a senior in 2014-15, he led the school to its first Class B State Tournament appearance in a decade, leading the squad in points (376), rebounds (106) and assists (67). A two-time All-River Cities Conference selection, he was selected for the Metro Basketball Coaches Association's annual Buell-Brosnihan Cage Classic, where he earned MVP honors with a 20-point performance.

Elradi played AAU basketball with Nebraska Select program for Coach Jordan Hitchcock. In addition to playing basketball, he also played two seasons of soccer at the school. In the classroom, he garnered First and Second honors during his high school career. Mohammad is the son of Mary Laraiga and was born on May 12, 1997, in Khartoum, Sudan. He has two brother, Hazam and Nadir Sarmin. Mohammad has not declared a major at Nebraska.

AKENTEN SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH NEBRASKA

Nebraska's Men's Basketball Coach Tim Miles announced Thursday that shooting guard Nana Akenten has signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend and play for the University of Nebraska.

The 6-foot-6, 200-pounder from Bolingbrook, Ill., is considered one of the top players in the state of Illinois after leading Bolingbrook High School to a 16-9 record in 2015-16 for Coach Rob Brost. He was rated one of the top-10 players in the state of Illinois by PrepHoops.com earlier this fall. He was rated 70 by 247sports, which give him a two-star rating.

"We are thrilled to have a young man like Nana join our program," Miles said. "He brings so many attributes that will help our team on and off the court. He is a great kid with a strong support group around him in his mother Margaret and his coaches Quintin Garrison and Rob Brost, who run an excellent program at Bolingbrook High. I believe Nana may be one of the most underrated kids out there this year. He has tremendous work ethic and commitment to the game. He is an exceptional athlete. He can really guard, his shooting ability is excellent and his range looks effortless. He will be expected to come in and help us immediately, and I know Nana is up for that challenge."

Akenten selected Nebraska over a number of schools, including UNLV, SMU and Colorado State. He is the son of Margaret Oduko and was born on Sept. 17, 1998. Akenten is the fourth high school player from Illinois to sign with the Huskers in the last three recruiting classes, joining current sophomores Ed Morrow Jr. and Glynn Watson Jr. and freshman Isaiah Roby.

MILES NOT IN FAVOR OF NEW RULES

Nebraska Basketball Head Coach Tim Miles shared his thoughts about the NCAA's new points of emphasis for officiating this season. Specifically the new rule, where even if a defender is in proper position and has his arms straight up in the new "individual cylinder," it's a foul if he makes contact with a ball handler.

Another new rule is where if a defender is behind the "charge line" under the basket, he can now avoid a foul by jumping straight up as the

offensive player makes contact. However, if the defender stays planted, it's a defensive foul.

"If a guy left his feet and went straight up in verticality and that kid initiated confidence and then tried to shoot that was a no call," Miles said. "If you stood in the charge line and got hit straight up it's a foul because you're in the charge line. But if you jump, apparently the charge line doesn't go any higher than the paint it's on. So if you can just get high enough, you're going to be OK."

WOMEN OPEN SEASON WITH WNIT VICTORY

Jessica Shepard opened the season with 17 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Nebraska women's basketball team to a 71-53 win over the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the opening round of the Pre-season WNIT on Saturday at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Shepard, whose 11th career double-double included a 60-foot runner at the buzzer to close the first half, added three assists and a steal in 23 minutes of action to help give Amy Williams her first win as Nebraska's head coach. The Huskers improved to 41-2 all-time in season openers with their 11th straight victory in a home opener. Shepard, who hit the first two three-pointers of her career in the first half, added a 3-for-3 effort at the free throw line to help Nebraska advance to Monday's second round to face No. 24 Missouri at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The Huskers battled to a 15-10 lead at the end of the first quarter thanks to eight points and five rebounds from Shepard, and built their lead to 30-24 before Shepard grabbed a rebound on Hildur Kjartansson's missed attempt with under five seconds left in the half. She put the ball on the floor and spun to the right side of the floor while being heavily guarded. A second came at her near halfcourt and as the clock approached 0:00, Shepard loaded up the ball with her right hand, planted her right foot and threw a strike that swished and sent the 4,405 fans into a frenzy.

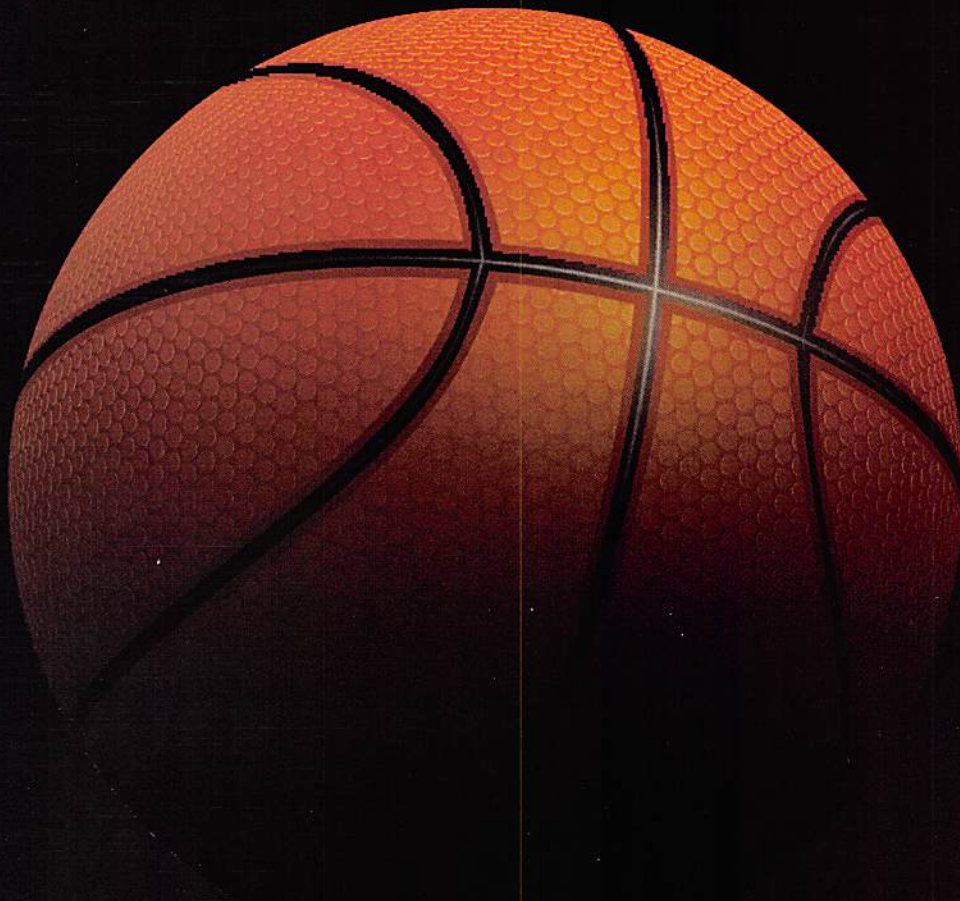
The miracle shot by the 6-4 sophomore forward from Fremont sent the Huskers to the half with a 33-24 lead and sparked a 15-0 run that allowed Nebraska to cruise to victory. Senior forward Allie Havers, who finished with 10 points and seven rebounds, opened the second half with a pair of free throws before Nicea Eliely pushed the lead to 37-24 with her layup. Eliely, a 6-1 freshman from Colorado Springs, Colo., earned her first career start in her first collegiate game for the Big Red and finished with nine points and team highs of four assists and two steals. One of Eliely's assists found junior guard Jasmine Cincore for a jumper to extend Nebraska's lead to 39-24 with 8:02 left in the third quarter and force UTRGV Coach Larry Tidwell to call a timeout. Cincore, who started alongside Eliely in the backcourt, scored nine points and dished out four assists of her own.

The UTRGV timeout could not stop the Big Red run, as senior guard Esther Ramacieri buried her second three of the game off an assist from Eliely to push the Husker lead to 42-24 26 seconds later. The Huskers capped the 15-0 run with Havers' traditional three-point play to make it 45-24 with 6:57 left in the quarter. The Vaqueros could get no closer than 16 points the rest of the way, as the Huskers built their lead to as large as 25 points in the fourth quarter before settling for the 18-point win.

Husker freshman Hannah Whitish enjoyed a strong opener with seven points on 3-of-4 shooting including a three-pointer to go along with two assists and a steal in 17 minutes off the bench. Sophomore Madeline Simon also provided big contributions off the bench with six points, seven rebounds and an assist in 18 minutes. As a team, Nebraska hit 40.3 percent (25-62) of its shots from the floor including 8-of-22 three-pointers (.364).

No. 24 Missouri will meet the Huskers in Lincoln on Monday. Tip-off between the Huskers and Tigers is set for 7 p.m.

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NEBRASKA MEN'S BASKETBALL 2016/17 ROSTER

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0	Tai Webster	G	6-4	195	Sr.	Auckland, New Zealand (Westlake Boys)
1	Anton Gill	G	6-3	195	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C. (Louisville) (Ravenscroft/Hargrave Military Academy)
2	Jeriah Horne	F	6-7	222	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan. (The Barstow (Mo.) School)
3	Jason Shultis	G	6-1	198	So.	Dannebrog, Neb. (Grand Island Northwest)
5	Glynn Watson Jr.	G	6-0	174	So.	Bellwood, Ill. (St. Joseph)
10	Jack McVeigh	F	6-8	215	So.	Cabarita Beach, NSW, Australia (Australian Institute of Sport)
11	Evan Taylor	G	6-5	206	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Odessa College/Samford)(Paul VI (Va.) Catholic High School)
12	Michael Jacobson	F	6-9	239	So.	Waukegan, Iowa (Waukegan, Iowa)
13	Malcolm Laws	G	6-1	190	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Florida Atlantic/Lake Highland Prep)
15	Isaiah Roby	F	6-8	214	Fr.	Dixon, Ill. (Dixon)
21	Mohammad Elradi	G	6-3	185	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn Mt. Michael)
23	Nick Fuller	F	6-7	213	Jr.	Sun Prairie, Wis.
24	James Palmer Jr.	G	6-6	213	RJr.	Upper Marlboro, Md (University of Miami)(St. John's College High School)
30	Ed Morrow	F	6-7	234	So.	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
32	Jordy Tshimanga	C	6-11	275	Fr.	Montreal, Quebec (The MacDuffie School)

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2	Rylie Cascio Jensen	G	5-10	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)
3	Hannah Whitish	G	5-9	Fr.	Barneveld, Wis. (Barneveld)
5	Nicea Eliely	G	6-1	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)
11	Esther Ramacieri	G	5-8	Sr.	Repentigny, Quebec, Canada (Dawson College)(Felix Leclerc)
12	Emily Wood	G	5-5	Jr.	Salina, Kan. (Salina Central)
13	Janay Morton	G	5-10	Sr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Osseo)
14	Grace Mitchell	G/F	6-2	Fr.	Wellington, Kan. (Wellington)
15	Bria Stallworth	G	5-6	So.	Chicago, Ill. (UMass) (Homewood-Flossmoor)
22	Allie Havers	C	6-5	Sr.	Mattawan, Mich. (Mattawan)
24	Maddie Simon	G	6-2	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
32	Jessica Shepard	F	6-4	So.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)
34	Jasmine Cincore	G	5-10	Jr.	Arlington, Tenn. (Briarcrest Christian)
43	Rachel Blackburn	F	6-3	So.	Leavenworth, Kan. (Leavenworth)
50	Darrien Washington	F	6-2	So.	Oakland, Calif. (Skyline)

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Lincoln Pius X graduate Sydney Townsend has gone from a hitter in high school to a defensive specialist and serving ace at the college level for

“Sydney pretty much plays defense the whole practice and serves against us,” Cook said. “We have to dig a lot of balls in practice. She makes it difficult on our players to get kills which

~ John Cook, Nebraska head volleyball coach

'MOTHER HEN'

Sydney Townsend plays many roles on, off the court for NU

Story by Bob Hamar • Photo by Mitch Otto, Action shot by Reggie Ryder

When John Cook looks ahead to the 2017 Nebraska volleyball, he sees a couple of this year's players contributing greatly as leaders next year.

And right now, Sydney Townsend and Annika Albrecht are both back row players.

"Sydney and Anni are two we're developing to be leaders next year," Cook said. "We've talked to them about that. Sydney is kind of the mother hen of the whole team."

Every year Cook has a player he describes as the "mother hen." It's an important role to fill on a team of college-aged young women.

"I'm just kind of laid back and like an organizer versus like a big, outspoken person in the room," Townsend said. "I guess that's how everyone sees me and that's OK with me."

But that's far from Townsend's only role on the team. She has been a valuable defensive player even though she usually only plays one rotation as a server in place of middle blocker Amber Rolfzen.

Cook said Townsend had a big weekend when the Huskers won back-to-back matches over Wisconsin and Minnesota.

"She's really important," Cook said. "She played great this weekend. We probably ran more points with her than any other rotation. She made great digs, she made a great set. She's very under noticed, but we certainly understand the role she has. We understand how valuable she is."

Townsend understands it too. She knows exactly what her she needs to do to help NU win.

"My role is to go in and serve and get them out of system to give a better opportunity to score and get them out of system," Townsend said. "I feel like this year we've been good at that and our out of system blocking has been good so we've been able to go on runs which is nice."

Her role expanded for a match against Northwestern on Oct. 29 after starting libero Justine Wong-Orantes was hit in the face by a hard spike the night before. Wong-Orantes sat out the Northwestern match, so sophomore defensive specialist Kenzie Maloney moved into the libero position, Townsend took Maloney's spot as a defensive specialist and Brooke Smith filled Townsend's usual spot as a serving specialist.

"I thought they did a great job," Cook said. "They were very confident and acted like they'd been there before, so it was good."

Townsend had been there before. It was a role she filled as a freshman two years ago, so she was prepared for it. And when she's not in a match, serving in practice also improves the Huskers' serve receive.

"Sydney pretty much plays defense the whole practice and serves against us," Cook said. "We have to pass her serves. And she digs a lot of balls in practice. She makes it difficult on our players to get kills which makes us better."

Townsend is used to filling different roles. As a prep standout at Lincoln Pius X, she excelled as a hitter, but she also finished both her junior and senior seasons at libero. Townsend was willing to play wherever the coach wanted.

"I loved hitting so I preferred to practice hitting," she said. "He told me he wanted to be libero and I took it upon myself to be better at passing and defense."

Townsend came to realize that if she wanted to play at Nebraska – and she did – she would have to do it as a back-row player.

"My coaches in club and high school told me when I couldn't touch 10-feet jumping and if I wanted to go to a big program, it would probably be as a DS and libero," Townsend said.

Townsend has worked hard on her craft since joining the NU program, but there is still more to do.

"I've learned that I need to be consistent and loud all the time," Townsend said. "Never come in and half an off day and be OK with that, but try and pick up something else in my game. We have talked about that as a team a lot this year so it's been pretty cool to see that."



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2016 Schedule

VERT Challenge at Eugene, Oregon

Aug. 26	Florida	W, 3-1
Aug. 27	Texas	W, 3-0

Nebraska Invite at Lincoln, Nebraska

Sept. 2	Iowa State	W, 3-0
Sept. 3	Oregon State	W, 3-0

Lobo Classic at Albuquerque, N.M.

Sept. 8	Montreal (Exh.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 9	Arkansas	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	New Mexico	W, 3-0

Ameritas Challenge at Devaney Center

Sept. 16	Montana State	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	Gonzaga	W, 3-0
Sept. 17	Creighton	W, 3-1

Sept. 23	at Michigan	W, 3-0
Sept. 24	at Mich. State	W, 3-2
Sept. 28	at Illinois	W, 3-0
Oct. 1	Ohio State	L, 3-1
Oct. 7	Indiana	W, 3-0
Oct. 9	Purdue	W, 3-0
Oct. 14	at Ohio State	W, 3-1
Oct. 16	at Maryland	W, 3-0
Oct. 21	Wisconsin	W, 3-0
Oct. 23	Minnesota	W, 3-2
Oct. 28	Illinois	W, 3-0
Oct. 29	Northwestern	W, 3-0
Nov. 4	at Penn State	W, 3-2
Nov. 5	at Rutgers	W, 3-0
Nov. 9	Iowa	W, 3-0
Nov. 12	at Indiana	W, 3-0
Nov. 16	Penn State	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Iowa	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	at Minnesota	8 p.m.
Nov. 26	Michigan	7 p.m.
Dec. 1-3	NCAA 1st, 2nd Rds	TBD
Dec. 9-10	NCAA Regionals	- TBD
Dec. 15	NCAA Semis	at Columbus
Dec. 17	NCAA Finals	at Columbus



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WONG-ORANTES SETS DIGS RECORD

Senior libero Justine Wong-Orantes broke an impressive school record during the 3-2 win Nov. 4 at Penn State.

She had 23 digs against the Nittany Lions to break Kayla Banwarth's school record of 1,706 career digs from 2007 to 2010.

"That's an incredible accomplishment, especially who she beat out," head coach John Cook said. "I don't know how to compare it, but that is an epic record to get. She's got to feel pretty good about that, but it's also a testament to how great a player she is. To pass up Kayla is pretty significant."

Cook didn't even know if Wong-Orantes would play that match. She was cleared to play by doctors that morning after she had been hit in the face by a hard attack the previous Friday against Illinois.

The team celebrated not only the win over Penn State in the locker room after the match, but also Wong-Orantes' record. Cook said she reacted in her typical fashion.

"She's Justine, She's chill," he said. "Justine never really waivers too much. She just kind of cruises along. We were happy she was able to play. We didn't know."

Banwarth played for the U.S. Olympic team this past summer. Wong-Orantes may be headed in the same direction. She played on the U.S. "B" team that went to Mexico last summer while the "A" team was in the Olympics.

Cook likes her chances to play for the U.S. team.

"She has a really good shot if that's what she wants," he said.

NO MORE FRIDAY-SATURDAYS

Cook was happy that the Penn State-Rutgers back-to-back matches Nov. 4-5 were the last Friday-Saturday matches of the regular season.

The Huskers are playing Wednesday-Saturday the rest of the year, which is the way he likes it.

"I've always been a proponent of playing Wednesday-Saturday in the Big Ten, but it's a cost issue," Cook said. "The Big Ten has always done this Friday-Saturday thing, but the level is getting so high and the teams are so good."

"Our match against Penn State was 2 hours and 45 minutes in front of 6,000 people. It was a long, hard match. To ask these guys to travel and turn around is a tough deal."

Cook said no other sport plays back-to-back matches against top five opponents like the Huskers did when they faced Minnesota and Wisconsin on the same weekend in October.

At least that was in Lincoln. Penn State had to do it on the road.

Although Rutgers is the bottom team in the Big Ten, it was still a grind when the Huskers played back-to-back nights against Penn State and the Scarlet Knights. The Huskers played an 8 p.m. match at Penn State, flew to New Jersey and arrived at 2 a.m., played Rutgers that evening at 7 p.m., jumped on a plane and got back to Lincoln at 2:30 a.m.

"We're asking a lot from our student athletes," Cook said. "We're the only sport that's really doing that. This time of year to be able to go to a Wednesday-Saturday format is a lot easier for athletes and allows us to prepare for each match as opposed to preparing for two teams."

FOECKE PLAYING WELL

As of Nov. 9, sophomore Mikaela Foecke stood second on the team in kills while hitting .304. That was well ahead of her .277 mark a year

ago. Foecke has been good on the court, but Cook said she provides many benefits in other areas.

"I think Mikaela's biggest contribution to our team is just her confidence and she's such a giving teammate," Cook said. "I think she helps the team morale and the chemistry with just the vibe and how she interacts with everybody. It doesn't matter if she's playing well or not playing well. It never changes."



Mikaela Foecke makes an attack against Iowa last week.

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